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"BARTRAM."

Respectfully inscribed to ANDREW M. EASTWICK,

BY ABEL C. THOMAS.

I've traced the beauteous MISSISTINE
Along all windings of its track,
And walked through wild and hilly woods,
Whence rise the TUSCARORA floods,
And sought the gushing of the rills
That spring in MAHANTONGO hills,
And watched TAMAQUA waters gleam
In, keeping silent of mountain-dream.
And MAUCH-CHUNK of sober mood,
And TULPEHOCKEN, I have viewed;
And MANATAWNY's tribute red,
And PERKIOMEN's tranquil bed,
And BRITTAIN, with its current mild,
From TOWAMENCIN's torrent wild,
And WISSAHICKON's curves renowned,
The pride of all the region round.
And all along these blending streams,
As bright as poet's fairy dreams,
I've loafed on levees and forests wide,
From mountain rills to restless tide;
But midst them all (a rival lone)
The charms of "BARTRAM" please me most.*

Quaint is the olden homestead rare,
And blest be he who sought repose,
And not *distraction* of the pile,
Albeit nigh towered up the while,
A mansion of more courty style.
That ancient home, by BARTRAM reared,
Denotes that God was here revered—
Not with the outward pomp and shows
Which high Cathedral rites disclose,
Nor with the magnate's solemn pond,
Nor ignorant devotion's zeal—
But with that inward, thoughtful awe,
Which reverently the soul may draw,
Through Nature's Temple, to the throne
Of Him who rules by Truth alone.
And eyes that ranged from cedar tall
To hyssop springing from the wall,
And scanned minutest leaf and cup,
In worship here were lifted up.
And in the wall is stanchest still,
Lettered and carved by BARTRAM's skill,
The stone that bears these words of thought,
With reverence and devotion fraught,—
"THE GOD ALONE, THE ONLY LORD,
THE MIGHTY ONE BY HE ADORED."

Oh, who would bend to ruthless sway,
And tear that sculptured stone away!
Not EASTWICK, shall the deed be *thine*,
Nor round the carving, flowering vine,
(A fitting frame), shall bloom and twine;
And thou shalt often pause to read
The simple words of BARTRAM's creed,
And feel within thy heart the glow
Kindled in *his* long years ago,—
For 'mid these scenes is seen or heard,
From shrub, and tree, and flower, and bird,
The wisdom, love, and worship-call
Of that One God who made them all.

That ancient house, for six-score years
The chronicler of smile and tears,
Hath witnessed scenes, forgotten long,
Of bridal piety, feast and song,
And infant wail, and passing breath,
And all the dark array of death;
For generations, long since gone,
Once played in youth upon that lawn,
And closed their career of earthly day
Where first they saw the light of day.

Yet there still stand the noble trees,
As graceful in the gretchi breeze
As when, one hundred years ago,
Their shadows, swaying to and fro,
Delighted youthful groups below.
And there the hale old cypress stands,
Of woodcrees girth, which BARTRAM's hands
Set out, and reared with fostering care,
That from a twig, thus planted there,
Would rise a tree, mature, unshorn,
To bless his children, yet unborn.

All hail, memorial Cypress Tree!
How many eyes have gazed on thee
Within the solemn century past!
How many yet shall upward cast
Their wondering game, ere years are three
One hundred more, in EASTWICK's line!

Owner of "BARTRAM"! Every scene
Of shady walk or slope of green,
And rarest shrub, and fragrant flower,
And clustering vine o'er rustic bower,
And ivy clinging to the wall,
Bespeaks thee Guardian of them all.

* On the West side of the Schuylkill, below Gray's Ferry. The collection of trees and plants is the rarest on the continent. The grounds were originally laid out and ornamented by the celebrated botanist, JOHN BARTRAM. The place continued in his family, by lineal descent, until 1850, when it passed into possession of ANDREW M. EASTWICK, a gentleman who has both means and taste to improve it to its utmost capabilities. He has appropriately named it after the worthy old Botanist.

Approaching Gray's Ferry from the South, by river or railroad, there is a fine view of the new mansion for several miles. With commendable regard for the past, the old homestead is carefully preserved. A stone in its Southern wall bears the inscription, "JOHN AND ANN BARTRAM, 1731."

Pictures of Life.

THE ELOPEMENT.

"Young man, it is useless to urge this matter. In deciding your offer of an alliance with my family, I am in earnest."

"I am not content with a simple rejection of my suit, Mr. Carlton. I give reasons for my own conduct, and like to have reasons for all acts affecting myself. Will you say why I am not deemed worthy to claim the hand of one whose heart I already possess? Is not my family as good as yours?"

The young man spoke eagerly, while his brows were knit, and his eyes firmly fixed on those of the person he addressed.

"William," said Mr. Carlton, maintaining a great deal of excitement as he spoke, "I do not recognize your right to question me as to reasons for my conduct. I will say, however, that the happiness of my child is in my keeping as a natural right, and I am bound to protect her in every possible way. I regard only her happiness when I decline the offer made for her hand. I know the heart of Jessie well, and know that, if committed to your keeping, it will be a broken heart in less than five years—it may be in less than one."

"I love your daughter, Mr. Carlton," replied the young man to this. "Why should I break the heart of one I love?"

"William Lovering, such love as yours falls upon the heart as a blight, not a blessing. I know you well, your principles and your life—both are bad."

A red spot burned on the young man's cheek, and his eyes flashed. But Mr. Carlton looked calmly at him.

"Think," he added; "picture to yourself one of your companions in vice approaching your own sister, and offering the love of his corrupt heart. Would you not step between, shouldered as you are, and risk your very life, rather than permit the sacrifice?"

"Mr. Carlton," said Lovering, "I cannot permit you, nor any one else, to insult and outrage me in this way."

"As you like," returned the other, coldly.—"You ask reasons for my conduct, but are not willing to hear them."

For a short time there was silence, the young man standing in an attitude of irresolution.—Then muttering something in an under tone, he retired from the presence of Mr. Carlton.

A few hours afterwards, a servant tapped softly at the chamber door of Miss Carlton, the young lady referred to in the brief conversation just given.

"What do you want, Philly?" asked Jessie, as she opened the door.

The servant slipped a sealed note into her hand, with an air of secrecy, and then retired.

Quickly, re-entering the room, and turning the key, Jessie broke the envelope of the billet she had received, and read what was written within. The communication from her lover.

"I have seen your father," said he, "as you so earnestly desired, and the result of the interview is just what I expected. He was not content with an angry denial of my suit, but threw me off with smarting insult. He says I cannot make you happy. Heaven knows how ardently I desire to fill your cup with joy, even until it overruns the brim. If the passionate love of a sincere heart can make you happy, Jessie, then your whole life will be blessed. I cannot imagine the ground of his dislike towards me. I have never injured him nor his. This opposition on his part makes me wretched. Are we, then, to remain ever separate? or will you leave all, and throw yourself into my arms? I shall await your answer to this in the wildest trepidation. When you have made up your mind, place your answer in the hands of Philly. He will keep our secret inviolate; for he is under obligations to me of the strongest character."

"My heart is wholly yours," wrote Jessie, in reply.

"Shall heart and person longer be separated?" answered Lovering. "To-morrow week, I hear, your father will leave home, to be gone several days. This I learn from Philly. What better opportunity to pass from his protection to mine?"

Two days elapsed, and then the maiden wrote —"Let it be as you desire."

Weak and foolish maiden! In that decision, how much was involved! Not the happiness of a day or a year, but, it might be, of a whole lifetime.

What Mr. Carlton had said to Lovering of his principles and his life was true. Both were bad, and very bad. He did not truly love Jessie, for of that he was incapable. No man who lacks virtue can love a woman truly. It is a moral impossibility.

Lovering had first turned his thoughts to marriage, because it was necessary, as he said to himself, to form such an alliance. He belonged to a wealthy family, and, by marrying into a family of equal wealth and standing, he would take proper care of the future. Of course, he must have a beautiful and accomplished wife.—In both regards him, no one struck the young man's fancy so strongly as Jessie Carlton. And, after weighing all in favor and against an alliance with her family, decided to storm the citadel of her heart. Handsome, intelligent, and with a good address, he was not long in making the impression he desired. Jessie Carlton's young heart was quickly won.

Philly, a servant in the family of Mr. Carlton, whom Lovering had taken into some confidence, was informed of the intended elopement, and employed to give such aid as his position would afford. Of course, the utmost secrecy was enjoined upon him; and his faithfulness was sought to be secured by threats as well as promises. But Philly found it hard to bear up alone under a secret of such great importance; he wanted some one to share with him the heavy burden. So, confiding in the discretion and good nature of one of the house, a female, he divulged to her, after first obtaining her promise not to betray what he was about to communicate, the fact of Jessie's intended flight.

On the night previous to the day on which Mr. Carlton was to leave home, he sat up late, engaged in writing. It was past eleven o'clock, when there was a light tap at the door, which was opened immediately, and a female servant glided in noiselessly, closing softly the door after her.

"Well, Hannah?" said he, in a voice of inquiry, as she approached him, in a somewhat agitated voice.

Hannah sank into a chair, so much distressed, that it was some moments before she could speak.

"Mr. Carlton," she at length said, "oh, I have something dreadful to tell you."

"For Heaven's sake, Hannah, speak out quickly, then! What has happened?" exclaimed Mr. Carlton, agitated in turn.

"Nothing has happened yet; but, if you go away to-morrow, it will happen. Oh, sir, do not go away."

"Hannah, what is the meaning of this? Speak out plainly at once."

"Miss Jessie——"

"Jessie! What of her?"

"She is going off with Mr. Lovering."

"When? Where is she?" The father was on his feet, and moving towards the door. "Speak, girl!"

"Oh, sir, don't be frightened," said Hannah; "it isn't to-night. Miss Jessie is in her room. I have only come to tell you about it in time."

"Ah! thank you, my faithful Hannah."

Mr. Carlton spoke in a calmer voice; and, returning to the secretary where he had been writing, sat down.

"Now," he added, "tell me all you know about this matter."

"All I know," replied Hannah, "I got to day from Philly. He told me that he has been carrying letters from Mr. Lovering to Jessie and back again, for some time, and that it is all arranged for her to go with him, just at daylight, the morning after you leave home."

"Can it be possible! Mad girl!" exclaimed Mr. Carlton, passionately. "And you are sure of all this, Hannah?"

"Philly told me, and I'm afraid it's all true."

"Very well, Hannah. I thank you from my heart for this act of duty. You have saved Jessie, it may be, from a lifetime of misery. Mr. Lovering is a bad man, and if she marries him, he will make her wretched. Foolish, foolish girl! could she not believe her father?"

After some further conference, the girl left the room; and Mr. Carlton, closing his secretary, walked the floor for the space of an hour or more, thinking. On the next day, greatly to the surprise of Hannah, he left home at the time previously appointed.

He sleep weighed down the eyelids of Jessie Carlton, during the night that succeeded.—Through the long hours that intervened from the time the family retired until the hand of Aurora gently raised the curtain of darkness from the East, she either walked the floor of her chamber or lay awake upon the bed. At the early dawn, she was to pass from beneath her father's roof and from under his protection, committing unto another her destiny. Well might her heart tremble and grow faint as she tried to look into the dark future; well might she shrink back, half repentant, and hesitate about the step she had resolved to take. The silent midnight gave to the wakeful solemn thoughts. Such thoughts come to Jessie; and, as the winds sighed through the trees or moaned beneath the eaves, it seemed as if a spirit were addressing her in tones of warning.

At last, a feeble line of light was seen upon the horizon; and it gradually widened until the dawn appeared. Hurriedly throwing a shawl around her, Jessie stood for some minutes near the window, as if awaiting an expectant signal. Presently, a hand was laid upon the lock. Silently opening the room, she opened the door. Philly stood there with his finger on his lip.

"Is all right?" asked Jessie, in a low, agitated whisper.

"All is right," returned the man. "Be quick; he is waiting for you."

Gliding through the door, Jessie went noiselessly down stairs. As she passed into the open air, Lovering received her, bending, as he did so, a piece of money to the treacherous servant as his promised reward.

A few minutes prior to this, a scene even more exciting, took place a short distance from the mansion of Mr. Carlton, where a carriage stood in waiting for the fugitive. The driver had left his box, and was standing near his horses, when, suddenly, a man was by his side, pistol in hand, uttering, in a low, peremptory voice,

"Silence, and you are safe!"

The driver started back a few paces in alarm; while the stranger who had presented his weapon, kept it directed towards him.

"Now, leave those grounds as quickly as you can go," said the intruder.

The driver hesitated, when the sharp click of the pistol-lock was heard.

"Go, instantly!" repeated the man. "Your horses and carriage are safe. You will find them at the Ring and Hound in an hour from this. Now go, if you set the value of a hair upon your life."

The driver, by this time thoroughly alarmed, fled. As soon as he had left the ground, the stranger mounted the box and grasped the reins. Hardly had he taken his place, ere Lovering and Jessie appeared, and hurriedly entered the carriage.

"Where did you say I must drive?" inquired the man, leaning over from the box.

"To Mr. Linton's. And see that no grass grows beneath your horses' feet."

The man spoke sharply to the spirited animals, and away they dashed at full speed. Linton was a minister, who had been engaged to perform the marriage service for Lovering and Jessie. He lived in the town which lay a short distance from the beautiful country residence of Mr. Carlton. In a few minutes, the horses were reined up at the dwelling of the minister, when Lovering sprang from the carriage, and lifting Jessie, as she attempted to descend, instantly bore her in his arms across the pavement and into the house. Just as the fugitives disappeared, another vehicle drove up at a rapid pace. The self-constituted driver of Lovering's carriage left his own horses, and hurrying to the door of the second carriage, spoke rapidly a few words to some one within; and then turning away, entered the minister's house, and throwing off his rough hat and coat in the hall, presented the figure of a well-dressed gentleman. For a few moments, he stood, as if awaiting some one, while his ear was at least towards the door of a room that opened from the passage, to hear what was going on within. Then he placed his hand on this door, and gently pushing it open, entered. The young people were already on the floor; and the minister, in his robes, stood before them, ready to begin the ceremony. So softly had the stranger entered, that no one perceived his presence but the minister, who did not permit the slightest intimation to interfere with what he was doing. He began, and progressed until he came to that part of the ceremony in which it is demanded of those present to show cause why the parties about to be joined in holy wedlock cannot lawfully enter that state, when the door of the room was thrown suddenly open, and a woman rushed in, exclaiming,

"I forbid this marriage!"

"Who are you that forbid this marriage? Speak!" inquired the minister, in an agitated voice.

Lovering and Jessie started at this unexpected interruption; and, turning, looked in astonishment both at the woman and the man.

"Miss Carlton," said the woman, coming up to Jessie, and grasping her arm, "you have no right to this man; he belongs to me by a prior claim, that I will not see cancelled. There is your natural protector"—and she drew her, with a sudden jerk, across the room towards the man who had entered just before her—"your father! And, in Heaven's name, let not a man like this tempt you thus madly from his side again!"

Jessie scarcely heard the closing words of the sentence. Overcome by so dreadful a termination of her elopement, she sank into the arms of her father—for it was he who had driven her to the minister's.

Before the vile companion of his evil hours, Lovering stood, for a few moments, covered with shame and confusion.

"Now go, young man," said Mr. Carlton, sternly, as he supported the form of his child; "go with this vile, unhappy creature, whom you have refused from virtue to a level with yourself. Go, connect with her as your equal; but never dare to look on, or allude to the pure being I have saved from your unhallowed grasp. She can never be yours. If, before, you could deceive her into the belief that you were an angel of light, the power of deception is now gone, for you stand before her in all your native corruption and deformity. Go, sir!"

Confounded by a denouement so painful and humiliating, Lovering, as soon as he could collect his bewildered senses, sprung from the room. As he gained the open air, the driver, who had been so suddenly deprived of his carriage, came up. Lovering hurriedly ordered the vehicle, exclaiming—"Drive me home!"

The man needed not a second invitation to mount his box. Quick as thought, he had the reins in his hands, and the horses were soon springing before him at a gallop.

The reader doubtless understands all this without further explanation; and Lovering had but few inquiries to make ere he comprehended the whole affair to more than his entire satisfaction. As for Jessie, she, too, understood enough to make her heart sink in her bosom and tremble, whenever she thought of the narrow escape she had made from an alliance that could only have produced wretchedness, if it would not have borne her down to the grave, in a few short years, with a broken heart.

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Our Picture Gallery.

From Sears' Pictorial Description of CHINA and INDIA.

CULTIVATION AND PREPARATION OF TEA.

We are indebted for the above engraving and following description of the Cultivation and Preparation of Tea, to an excellent work lately published by Mr. Robert Sears, called the "PICTORIAL HISTORY OF CHINA AND INDIA":

Of all the natural productions of China, the tea-plant is decidedly one of the most important, both as an article of foreign commerce, and of home consumption.

Great contention has long existed among botanists relative to the varieties and species of the tea-plant; but it would appear that the plant from which the common kinds of tea in commerce are produced, is the *thea bohea*, or *thea viridis*, or both of these species combined. Specifically, there is no difference of species between the two; one part of the same plantation may grow highly-flavored teas, and another part common teas; both may resemble souchong, or both congou; or the one souchong and the other congou; and again, in regard to green tea, the one may resemble Twankay and the other hyson. Experiments in the various modes of manipulation, can alone determine what part of the plantation may be the best adapted to the growth of black or green teas.

In China, however, the culture of the black tea and that of the green differ considerably; the hyson, or finest description of green tea, is cultivated in the plains, in a fertile soil, and highly manured. So remunerative a price is paid for this tea, that the producer is encouraged to devote a more fruitful soil to its cultivation. The Twankay tea is very far inferior to the hyson in flavor, and yet it is the same plant, the former being its produce, when growing on its native hills, while the latter is that of the highly-cultivated plant transplanted into the valleys.

The leaves of the tea-plant, when newly-gathered, do not in the least resemble the dry leaves, in either color or flavor; they have not either a sharp, aromatic or bitter taste. The highly-prized qualities of pleasant taste and delightful odor which they afterward exhibit, are the effects of roasting, by which the leaves are dried, and of manipulation. We need not be surprised at the effect produced by roasting upon the tea-leaves, as every one knows that unroasted coffee possesses nought of the agreeable aroma for which it is peculiar after having undergone the process.

Let any one take a number of leaves of various sorts of teas, as they come to us in trade, soften them in hot water, and lay them side by side, and he will be convinced that there are not any distinguishing characteristics between the various kinds of black and green teas. But although we think it is clearly established that all kinds of tea are prepared from the same species of thea, yet those various teas are grown each one in a particular district; in one we find the green, in another the black: in a third, the tea is found in almost a globular form; and in a fourth it is a little curled, just like the vine, which is almost everywhere the same species, from which is produced such an infinite variety of wines, all differing in flavor and bouquet.

The leaves of the tea-plant is white, composed of five leaves, and in shape is similar to the rose, and the berry resembles a small, moist nut. There are four gatherings of the black tea, the first is in early spring, when the young delicate, and succulent leaves are plucked, from which the Pekoe tea is made; the second takes place about the 20th of April, when the leaves have shot out more; this tea has little smell, is weak in flavor, and of a very dark color; the fourth takes place after the summer-solstice, when another crop of leaves has sprung forth, and this tea is coarse in smell, weak in flavor, but of a lighter color than the last.

The leaves should be roasted until they emit a fragrant aroma, and until they feel limber and soft to the hand; they are then immediately transferred to circular bamboo trays: the workman taking as many leaves as he can gather between both hands, which he rolls in the tray from left to right, pressing them slightly, preserving them in the form of a ball; and upon the skill of the workman in performing this process will depend the proper twisting of the leaves. After the tea-ball has been rolled on bamboo trays, which are laid upon stands in tiers, until the chao process is repeated; in this second roasting, charcoal is used instead of wood, which is generally employed in the first process, and the heat required is not so great, though insupportable to the touch. The rolling and roasting process is repeated three times for superior teas, or even four times; but inferior teas undergo these two processes but once, owing to the leaves being gathered in a less mature, and less pulpy state, and consequently containing less juice than is sufficient to pay for the additional labor. The leaves lose their fragrance while their juice exudes, both in the roasting and rolling, but it is recovered before the termination of each process.

The finest descriptions of Pou teas are said to undergo rather a different process of roasting, called ta ching, in which the kno is heated redhot, which can only be continued for three or four seconds.

The tea, after this, is packed according to the custom of the district, either in chests or baskets, in which they are carried into the market and sold in large quantities. During the tea season those markets are held three or four times a month, in the respective districts.

Green teas known in America, grow in the South of the province of Keang-nan, and may be classed, according to Mr. Ball, under the heads of hyson and singlo, the former being only the same shrub improved by cultivation and soil, taken from the high grounds and planted in the valleys, and round the embankments of fields, and manured, and now designated "hill" and "garden" teas. There are two gatherings of the leaves of the green tea, one between the middle of April and the first week in May, and the other at the summer-solstice. The tea is rendered superior by being roasted immediately after gathering, and previous exposure to the atmosphere or the sun is very injurious. Those which cannot be thus treated, are therefore lightly spread over a brick floor; or if this be not practicable, then they are placed upon shaded stands in bamboo trays; in the latter case a woman constantly examines the trays, and if she observes any indication of their heating or turning yellow, they must be instantly turned.

The kno used for roasting hyson tea is also a cast-iron vessel; the inside is bright from friction; it has several flat protuberances, answering the purposes of handles, by which it is built into the brick-work; its diameter is sixteen inches. A wood fire is lighted beneath, and the kno is made nearly red hot, half a pound of leaves are thrown in, and the steam which arises is considerable; a crackling noise is heard on their being thrown into the kno, the workman keeping them constantly stirred with his hand, the heat obliging him to change hands repeatedly; after each turn he raises the leaves half a foot above the stove, shaking them on his hand; this is continued almost as long as the operator can bear the heat; he finally turns them three or four times round the vessel, collects them in a heap, and throws them into a basket held by a man at his side, any leaves remaining in the kno are instantly removed with a damp cloth.

The leaves are then rolled as described in the case of black tea; the balls are then shaken out, and the workmen manipulate the leaves, rolling them between their hands by drawing the right hand over the left, using a little pressure, thereby causing the leaves to twist regularly the same way. After this, having been spread on sieves, they are carried into a cooling room. If they cannot be immediately re-roasted, they must be turned in the sieves to prevent them from becoming yellow; but the sooner they are roasted after the rolling, the better.

In the second roasting, three men are employed; the fire must be considerably diminished, and charcoal substituted for wood. One man's attention is exclusively directed to the fire, feeding or diminishing it under the direction of the operator, who takes care to retain an even temperature; while the third man is constantly engaged in fanning the leaves. The roaster in this second process presses the leaves gently against the bottom of the vessel, then draws them toward himself, and shakes them in his hands; then he draws them round the sides of the kno, and raises and twists them in both hands: he then sifts them more frequently, and twists them less as they become drier, and finally discontinues the latter motion altogether. The leaves, now taken from the kno, appear of a dark olive color; they are sifted and roasted a third time, when the heat of the stove is again considerably decreased, and the quantity of leaves thrown into the vessel materially augmented; the fanning and description of roasting are similar to those adopted in the second roasting, and it is during this operation that the leaves by degrees assume the bluish color peculiar to this description of tea, and resembling the bloom of the grape. The roastings must be continued until the tea is fit for the market; thus one man will be occupied constantly for ten hours in roasting the three times twenty-five catties of tea. When sifted, the leaves in the sieves are placed under the gunpowder and young hyson have been sorted from it, and this process is performed by various and careful sittings.

Mr. Ball contends, from several experiments made by himself, that the difference of color in black and green teas does not appear to be derived from any management of heat, but from manipulation; the heat being the same in both cases. "I therefore conclude," he says, "that the color of black teas, when roasted in the manner herein described, arises from the quiescent state of the leaves during the final desiccation, and that of the green from incessant motion; the former producing a slow and the latter a quick evaporation of the elastic fluids. The fanning of the green tea seems also employed for the same purpose; and it obviously may be surmised that the freer admission of light and air may work very considerable chemical effects, although their sufficient to account for the different results in these two processes."

The Chinese have latterly employed fictitious means of coloring green teas, for the purpose of imitation, or to heighten the color of the natural green; the imitated green is well known in the trade as "Canton green." Mr. Warrington, of England, published a paper in the "Memoirs of the London Chemical Society," in February, 1844, to prove that ferrocyanide of iron, or Prussian blue, and sulphate of lime, or gypsum, are used by the Chinese for this purpose.

Large quantities of the flower-buds of *olea fragrans* are an article of trade in China, and used by connoisseurs to improve the flavor of green tea; each person mixing this substance to suit his own palate.

The Chinese assert, we know not with what degree of veracity, that they have more than a hundred descriptions of the tea-shrub, and that the sort of tea which is used by the Emperor of China, is never cultivated save for him; the greatest care and attention being bestowed upon the shrub during its growth, and the various processes which the leaves undergo before it is fit for infusion. In some mountainous parts of China, which are unsuitable to the cultivation of other crops, a species of tea-shrub is grown, called by the Chinese "flower of tea;" the blossoms of this shrub are frequently mixed with their finest teas, to impart a fragrant flavor; it is affirmed that the Arabian jasmine is also used for the same purpose. Oil is extracted from the berry of the tea-shrub, which is used for medicinal purposes, but the Chinese declare that the oil which is obtained from the nut or berry of the "flower of tea" shrub, will cure every disease to which human nature is liable.

It is rather a curious fact, nevertheless true, that in China good tea can rarely if ever be purchased by retail; in short, unless a stranger is lucky enough to have a friend among the merchants, who will procure a small chest of tea for him, the infusion or decoction made from the trash too often sold retail in China, under the denomination of tea, will be neither refreshing to the frame nor pleasant to the palate, and he may wish in vain, in the tea-country, for a cup of good tea. The finest and most delicious teas are never exported, being of too expensive a character, as the value of those teas is calculated by an equal weight of silver; thus a catty of tea is sold for a catty of silver. These teas are usually bought by the Mandarins and wealthy, either for their own consumption, or for presents.

Many of the Mandarins and wealthy are so curious in their collection of teas, as connoisseurs of the juice of the grape, are in their cellars of wine; the amateur of tea will feel as much pride, and derive as much pleasure, from the commendation of a judicious friend, who has tasted his various teas, as an Englishman would experience, after producing his various wines, and receiving the praises of a good judge. The Chinese medical men esteem the tea-plant highly, and use it as a remedy for many complaints; it is also considered in China as a great stimulant to the appetite.

The mode of making tea in China, is similar to that by which coffee is made in Turkey, namely, by putting the ingredient into the vessel from which it is to be drank; the tea-leaves are put into a small cup or bowl, which has a lid or cover; boiling water is poured over it, and is instantly screened, to prevent the escape of the aroma; in about five minutes they consider the infusion as complete, and drink the tea without the addition of either milk or sugar. The bowl, or cup, is usually placed in a small filagree silver stand, somewhat the shape of a boat; these stands or saucers, are frequently most beautifully and curiously enamelled, or chased; the lid of the bowl is used as a spoon, the tea being sipped from it, after it has been dipped out of the cup.

ANECDOTE OF LADY WASHINGTON.

In conversing, not long since, with an aged lady of Morris County, I obtained an anecdote concerning Lady Washington, so entertaining and admirable, that I am induced to publish it.

There was residing in Morris County a Mrs. Tempe, the widow of a half-pay British captain. She was a frequent visitor at the house of Mrs. T., and on one of these occasions, before she had passed the usual compliments, she exclaimed,—

"Well, what do you think, Mrs. T.?—I have been to see Lady Washington!"

"Have you, indeed?" said her friend. "Then tell me all about how you found her ladyship, how she appeared, and what she said."

"Well, I will honestly tell you," replied Mrs. Tempe, "that I never was so astounded in all the days of my life. You see, Madam ——, and Madam ——, and Madam —— and myself, thought we would visit Lady Washington, and as she was said to be so grand a lady, we thought we must put on our best bibs and tuckers. So we dressed ourselves in our most elegant ruffles and silks, and were introduced to her ladyship. And don't you think we found her *hemming, and with a speckled (check) apron on!* She received us very graciously and easily, but after the compliments were over, she resumed her knitting. There we were, without a stitch of work, and *sitting in state*, but General Washington's lady, with her own hands, was knitting stockings for her husband and herself. And that was not all. In the course of the afternoon she took occasion to say, in a manner that we could not be offended at, that at this time it was very important that American ladies should be patterns of industry to their country-women, because the separation from the mother country will dry up the sources whence many of our comforts have been derived. We must become independent, by our determination to do without what we cannot make for ourselves. While our husbands and brothers are examples of patriotism, we should be patterns of industry."

T. S. A.

☞ It is not all joy which produces laughter, for the greatest enjoyments are serious. The pleasures of love, ambition, or avarice, make nobody laugh.

Selected Sketch.

THE DOLLAR.

BY GEORGE LIPPARD.

(Would that George Lippard had always written as powerfully and unexceptionably as in the following sketch:)

They brought him a dollar.

He took it, clutched it in his long skinny fingers, tried its sound against the bed-post, and then gazed at it long and intently with his dull leaden eyes.

That day, in the hurry of business, Death had struck him, even in the street. He was hurrying to collect the last month's rents and was on the verge of the miserable court where his tenants herded like beasts in their kennels—he was there with hook-hook in his hand, when Death laid his hand upon him.

He was carried home to his splendid mansion. He was laid upon a bed with a satin coverlet. The lawyer, the relations, and the preacher was sent for. All day long he lay without speech, moving only his right hand, as though in the act of counting money.

At midnight he spoke.

He asked for a dollar, and they brought one to him, and then each parent he sat up in his death-bed, and clutched it with the grip of death.

A shaded lamp stood on a table near the silken bed. Its light fell faintly around the splendid room, where chairs and carpets and mirrors, silken bed and lofty ceiling, all said, Gold! as plainly as human lips can say it.

His hair and eyebrows were white. His cheeks sunken, and his lips thin and surrounded by wrinkles that indicated the pattern of Avarice.

As he sat up in bed with his much bared and the silken coverlet wrapped about his lean frame, his white hair and eyebrows contrasted with his wasted and wrinkled face, he looked like a ghost. And there was life in his leaden eye—all that life was centered on the Dollar which he gripped in his clenched fist.

His wife, a pleasant-faced matronly woman, was seated at the foot of the bed. His son, a young man of twenty-one, dressed in the last kind of fashion, sat by the lawyer. The lawyer sat before the table, pen in hand, and gold spectacles on his nose. There was a huge parchment spread before him.

"Do you think he'll make a will?" asked the son.

"Hardly *common sense* yet," was the whispered reply. "Wait. He'll be *humble* after a while."

"My dear," said the wife, "had I not better send for a preacher?"

She rose and took her dying husband by the hand, but he did not mind. His eye was upon the Dollar.

He was a rich man. He owned palaces in ——— in the ——— States; copper mines on the Lakes somewhere; he had golden interests in California. His name was bright upon the records of twenty banks: he owned stock of all kinds; he had half-a-dozen papers in his pay.

He knew but one crime—*to be in debt without the power to pay.*

He knew but one virtue—to pay twice.

That crime he had never forgotten—this virtue he had never forgotten, in the long way of thirty-five years.

To hunt down a debtor, to distress a tenant, to turn a few additional thousands by a sharp speculation—these were the wish and wickedness of his life.

He was a good man—his name was upon a silver plate upon the pew door of a velvet-cushioned church.

He was a benevolent man—for every thousand dollars which he wrung from the tenants of his courts, or from the debtors who writhed beneath his heels, he gave ten dollars to some benevolent institution.

He was a just man—the Gallows and the Jail always found him a faithful and unswerving advocate.

And now he is a Dying Man—see! As he sits upon the bed of death, with the Dollar in his clenched hand.

Oh! holy Dollar, object of his life-long pursuit, what comfort hast thou for him now in his pain of death?

At length the dying man revived and dictated his will. It was strange to see the mother and son and lawyer muttering, and sometime wrangling, beside the bed of death. All the while the Testator clutched the Dollar in his right hand.

While the will was being made, the Preacher came—even he who held the pastoral charge of the great church, whose pew doors bore safely plates on silver plates, and whose seats on Sabbath-day groaned beneath the weight of respectability, broadcloth and satin.

He came and said his prayers—decorously and in measured words—but never once did the dying man relax his hold of the Dollar.

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Miscellaneous.

BARNUM AND THE BARBER.

(We are indebted for the following anecdote, in a communication to the [illegible] the South Carolina Institute.—*Ed. Sat. Post.*)

Recently, in consequence a visitor in his way, had waited a barber of Bubble Borough, having a hand an open or day in making charity. He is one of the most liberally compassionate I have ever met in all my journeyings. A faithful biography of the man would be one of the most amusing books in our language.

I happened to be a passenger on the "S. W. Express," conveying the Ohio last Spring, and Jenny Lind and her troupe, accompanied by Barnum, were on board.

Brimstone is largely the bottom of this sort of mill-Bubble Borough, in little gangs of his friends and "lofty guard," exhibited several feats of sleight-of-hand, which would have done honor to the immortal Ritz. In one of these, a quarter of a dollar disappeared so completely, that for the life of me I could not even guess what had become of it.

The Barber, a cadaverish man, owned by the Captain, had been looking on, as it were, by stealth, and his superstitious nature immediately invested the traveler with the powers of a league with the Devil.

The next morning, the wonder-worker seated himself for the operation of shaving, and the colored gentleman ventured to dip into the topography.

"Your pardon, Mr. Barnum, but I have heard a great deal about you, and I now more than I wanted to see, last night. Is it true that you have sold yourself to the Devil, so that you can do what you're a mind to?"

"Oh, yes," was the reply, "that is the bargain between us."

"How long did you agree for?" was the question next in order.

"Only seven years," said Barnum. "I have had three of them already. Before the other six are out, I shall find a way to complete the old gentleman—and I have told him so to his face."

At this avowal, a larger space of white than usual was seen in the darkey's eyes, and he inquired,

"Is it by this bargain that you get so much money?"

"Certainly," said Barnum. "No matter about money, never where to begin, is his law or all, say more about him, I have only to speak the words, and it comes."

The shaving was completed in silence, but thought had been busy in the Barber's mind, and he embraced the speediest opportunity to transfer his bag of cash to the Iron Safe in charge of the Clerk.

The movement did not escape the lynx-eyes of the Magician, and immediately a joke was e-fected, which nearly came to broken blows, and a bill of management with the Clerk, and revenue his seat in the cabin, on the Barber sought a second interview, bent on testing the alleged powers of Beelzebub's colleague.

"Beg pardon, Mr. Barnum, but where is my money? Can you get it?"

"I do not want your money," was the quiet answer. "It is safe."

"Yes, I know it is safe—but! ha!—it is in the Iron Safe in the Clerk's Office—safe enough from you."

"It is now in the Iron Safe," said Barnum.—This was said so quietly, yet positively, that the colored gentleman ran to the office, and inquired if all was safe. All right, said the Clerk. Open, and let me see, replied the Barber. The Safe was unlocked—lo! the money was gone!

In mystified terror the loser applied to Barnum for relief. "You will find the bag in your drawer," said he, and show it was found!

"And now," said Barnum, "I send me a cent. I will send it to his Infernal Highness, and bring it back forthwith." A cent was handed him—it was tossed into the air, and disappeared!—"Where will you have it returned?"

"Under fifth plate," was the answer. The plate was turned—and lo! the cent was there! The Barber lifted it from the table, and tastily dropped it. It was receiving hot!

"And now," continued Barnum, "I will turn you into a cat, and change you back again directly."

"You can't do that," said the Barber, but evidently with some suspicion of his own judgment.

"You shall see," said the Magician, solemnly. "You run only one risk," he continued: "if any thing happens to me, by losing remembrance of you will remain a black cat forever. Are you ready?"

The negro fled in consternation, and was seriously troubled, that Captain Brown feared he would jump overboard. On being informed of this extremity of the joke, Barnum kindly explained the whole thing to the subject of his fun—finishing even (as I was told) the tricks of the mysterious quarter dollar and the red hot cent.

"By golly!" said the Barber, in the exclusive characteristic of his race, "by golly! I'll come Barnum over de colored people. Ha! ha!"

FRANCE AND AMERICA.

The Paris correspondent of the "Evening Bulletin," tells some amusing anecdotes. Speaking of a visit to some French families in the country, he says:

How many pleasant hours I have whiled away in their society, reading under the shady arbors in their gardens, or strolling over the hills or down the valleys almost sunset, or chatting with them about trifles! One evening, a party of us were playing at piquet and écarté, and these games not being considered here as intrinsically immoral. I had just noticed that my right hand antagonist had shown a "*tierce majeure*" of clubs, when a lady at my elbow asked me if I had ever seen President Washington.

"Washington!" I repeated, thinking she means the presiding officer of some Club. "No, madam, I do not remember any acquaintance of that name."

"What! have you never been at the capital of your own country? Have you never seen your own President?"

"Ah, you mean President Washington—Washington is an Englishman."

"Well, that is it, Washington is the name to which I am accustomed, but I am told he is English."

"No, madam, I have never seen him; he died before my first visit to Philadelphia."

What I did not tell her or the company, was, that nearly half a century separated those two important events.

A few days afterwards, I paid a visit to a rich, open hearted old gentleman. As he saw me coming, he called to me,

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MEETING OF WOMEN.

The women of Philadelphia are invited to attend a Meeting of the *Stevens Association*, (for the Reformation, Employment and Instruction of Females, who have led Immoral Lives,) to be held in the Lecture Room of the Museum Building, (entrance on George Street,) at 3½ o'clock, on Fifth Day, or Thursday, October 9th.

The continued existence and necessity of this Society is no longer a matter of doubt, and the benefit that many have received from being under its care and influence is too apparent to those who have witnessed its operations, to leave any hesitation in their minds, as to its importance and usefulness. Here the profligate wanderer may find a shelter, home and friends. She may receive physical, educational and moral advantages unknown to her before, and when her period of probation has passed, if her desires lead her to another home, it is procured for her, and with the character she has won by her efforts, she may go forth and earn her bread honestly, and obtain a respectable position in society.

The Attention of Housekeepers is called to the *Intelligence Office* of the Association, 204 North Eighth Street. We have confirmed applications from women *of the first respectability* for situations in the various domestic departments.

Within the last 6 months we have procured homes for 163 women, but we have had 274 applications for places, leaving more than 111 women for whom we could not provide.

We also hope our friends will remember that we have all kinds of sewing done in our work room, and shall be glad to receive *Plain Sewing, Tailoring* and *Dress-Making*.

BANK FAILURES.

We have the following accounts of failures at the time of going to press:

The Purple's Bank, at Patterson, New Jersey.
The Commercial Bank, Perth Amboy, New Jersey.
The Bank of Salisbury, Maryland.

In addition to the above, the notes of the following Banks are refused by our brokers:

Ocean Bank, Bergen Iron Works, N. J.
Phœnix Bank, Belvidere, N. Y.
Merchants' Bank, Surry, N. Y.

The issue of these Institutions are said to be secured either by New York or United States Stock, so that no great loss can be sustained by the holders of them.

The Farmers & Mechanics Bank, New Brunswick, N. J., was reported to have failed on Friday week; but in the course of the day the Cashier was in town and contradicted the report.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Slumbering.—Gen. Quitman has really rallied in dignity at the result of the late election, and no longer two of the three Democratic members to Congress—the Hon. Jacob Thompson in the first district, and the Hon. Wm. McWillie, in the third district. Gen. Quitman says, in his Address:

The result of the recent election for the Convention, however brought about, must be regarded, at least for the present, as decisive of the policy of the State on the great issues involved. This result has been declared and fixed by the people, and opposed to any remedial action by the same.

Although the determination of the people is at variance with my fixed opinion of the true policy of the State, I consider it supreme and binding upon me, and I am, therefore, (just as a Democrat, Right since, and a Democrat, I bow in respectful submission to the supreme will of the people.

It is not certain yet who will be the candidate for Governor in Quitman's place. Hon. Jefferson Davis has been named, but it is said the "Jackson Nominating Committee" for supplying vacancies, has selected the Hon. Stephen Cocke to bear up their standard.

The *popular* character of the late vote is shown by the fact that the Southern Rights' party had with them, it is said, a majority of the Legislature, four members of Congress, the Governor of the State, two Judges of the High Court, the Chancellor, the Attorney-General, the Secretary of State, the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the military force and personal popularity of Gen. Quitman and Jefferson Davis.

The Southern Convention.—This body, proposed to be held in January, at Montgomery, Ala., is attracting some attention. Two delegates from each Congressional District in South Carolina are to be chosen on the second Monday in October. *The Charleston Mercury* considers that the meeting of the Congress is far from certain.

The Hangman.—This executive, who lately left the Democrats in Kentucky, and took his old post in the Whig ranks, recently said, in presence of the Editor of the Lexington Statesman, that the slavery lately effect, to the effect that he had given notice to the Democracy, immediately after his election, that all accounts between him and them were squared; that he forgave them the balance of the debt; that he was now only a Whig, &c., "in a lie in fact, a lie in matter, a lie in substance, and a lie from beginning to end," and that part which said he only wanted to meet old Hal, and take him by the hand, was particularly a lie!

New York Anti-Rent Convention.—This body resolved that the Whigs had disappointed them; and consequently called the entire Democratic ticket for State officers. Whereupon the Whig members seceded.

Virginia.—The Whig State Convention nominated by acclamation George W. Summers, of Kanawha, as their candidate for Governor. The attendance was very large, and the members enthusiastic. The Democratic State Convention reconvened Col. Joseph Johnson, the present Governor.

New Mexico.—We have intelligence from New Mexico to the 24 September. The result of the election for a Delegate to Congress had not been ascertained. Reynolds, in Santa Fe, has a large majority over Major Weightman, but it was still supposed the latter would be elected.

Missouri.—The Democratic State Convention nominated Robert McClelland, of Monroe County, for Governor.

The Gun Powder.

Below we publish an interesting article giving some idea of the *genius* of the Ordnance, and its Sources, supplied from the Baltimore Sun. The Order now contains 100,000 members in this country, and 5,000 beyond. During the past year there were 20,000 initiations. Receipts for the year, about $1,500,000.

Annual Report of General and Acknowledged Grand Lecturer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the year ending June, 30, 1851.

Lodges.	No. of Lodges.	Revenue of Odges.	Other Revenue.	Total Revenue of Lodges.
Maryland	70	$ 12,000 00	10,000	$ 22,000 00
Pennsylvania	90	16,000 00	15,000	31,000 00
N. New York	100	17,000 00	20,000	37,000 00
Dist. of Columbia	12	2,000 00	2,000	4,000 00
Louisiana	20	3,000 00	3,000	6,000 00
Kentucky	30	5,000 00	5,000	10,000 00
Tennessee	40	6,000 00	6,000	12,000 00
Virginia	60	10,000 00	10,000	20,000 00
Ohio	70	12,000 00	12,000	24,000 00
Illinois	40	6,000 00	6,000	12,000 00
Missouri	30	5,000 00	5,000	10,000 00
Alabama	20	3,000 00	3,000	6,000 00
Mississippi	20	3,000 00	3,000	6,000 00
S. Carolina	20	3,000 00	3,000	6,000 00
Indiana	30	5,000 00	5,000	10,000 00
Georgia	30	5,000 00	5,000	10,000 00
Texas	10	1,500 00	1,500	3,000 00
Michigan	20	3,000 00	3,000	6,000 00
Wisconsin	10	1,500 00	1,500	3,000 00
Iowa	10	1,500 00	1,500	3,000 00
California	40	6,000 00	6,000	12,000 00
N. New York	60	100,000 00	50,000	150,000 00

There were no returns from Delaware, Texas, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Vermont and Florida.

Lucius Law in Virginia.—We learn from Richmond that the Vigilance Committee recently instituted in Gregson county, Va., on the 16th ult., arrested John Cornett, a resident of Virginia, but a friend of Mr. Burns, the Ohio abolitionist. The Committee required of Mr. Cornett that he should renounce his friendship for Burns, but he refused. They then stripped him, and tying him to a tree, administered about a dozen lashes, when he implored them to desist, and he would leave the State. He was then released, and finally agreed to renounce his abolition views, sell his lands and negroes, and leave the State.

The occurrence has caused great excitement, and much much condemnation. It is said also that the Committee are in pursuit of several other persons who have proclaimed and carry out sentiments in that part of the State. It is said that Gen. Washington and Thomas Jefferson are dead now a-days, or they might perhaps catch them.

Runaway Journey.—In the beginning of July, several negroes, belonging to the estate of Wormley, were condemned by Court Harold, and had their sentences communicated to them. The families of these unfortunates expected to obtain their pardon from the Emperor, but they had hoped in vain. On the 20th of July, four of the convicted were publicly flogged. One received 2,000 lashes, two 1,500 each, and the fourth 2,000. This last fell dead after having received 1,000 lashes, and they placed the body of the dying man on a stretcher, where they obstinately kept the unfortunate victim to his corpse!—Thirty others, of whom the greater part were entitled to the mercy granted to refugees, were sent to the mines of Siberia. The scarcity of war is inexcusable in respect to any one engaged in the Hungarian struggle.

Col. Benton's Book.—The St. Louis Republican states that one passage in the book has been read to some one, or that some one has read it, who reports that it attributes to the late President Polk the design, during the war with Mexico, of withdrawing the troops from that country altogether. It seems, according to his authority, that the President became frightened in view of the probable expense of the war, and hence he resolved on so singular and abrupt a termination of it. The order for that purpose is said to have been actually signed by Mr. Secretary Marcy, and, as the story runs, Col. Benton heard of the affair late at night, sought out the President, with whom he was closeted for hours, which resulted in the countermanding of the order, and the further prosecution of the war.

A Supreme Bank Lock.—A lock of the Day & Newell patent, similar to those that have caused such a sensation in the Crystal Palace, has been exhibited in Girard Avenue, the agent for Pennsylvania, and is to be placed in the fire-proof in the State Department at Harrisburg. Three millions of changes can be effected with the keys, and it sets at defiance the arts of the burglar, and is also powder proof. The agents have received orders for eight locks of this description from the Bank of England, as substitutes for the celebrated Bramah lock which that institution has hitherto had in use, in consequence of a key having been picked by Mr. Hobbs, the American lock-picker.

Michigan Railroad Conspiracy Case.—The jury in the railroad arson and conspiracy case, after being out 9½ hours, came in with an unanimous verdict of guilty against the following persons: Lyman Gibbons, Charles C. Hughes, Willard Champion, E. J. Price, Wm. Carwin, C. Williams, A. J. Freeland, Aaron Mount, Reuben Smith, Ebenezer Farnham, Amzy Filley and E. Price. Smith and Farnham were remanded to the mercy of the Court. The balance of the prisoners were acquitted, the evidence against them not warranting a conviction.

Pleasures in the Army.—In a Report to the Secretary of War, by Lieutenant-Colonel Jobb, the Inspector-General of Military Prisons, which has just been printed in a Parliamentary paper, the subject of flogging in the army is brought forward. It seems that imprisonment in lieu of corporeal punishment, has been beneficial in its operation, notwithstanding the contrary opinion expressed by military officers.—*Liverpool Paper.*

Agricultural Fairs.—The Ohio State Fair, at Columbus, proved very successful. Not less than 40,000 persons were present, among them Senator Douglas, of Illinois, Gov. Wright, and others. The Hon. Wm. Allen delivered the address. The display of cattle, &c., was very large.

The Michigan Fair also was very successful. Gen. Cass delivered the address.

A Black General.—General Avalos, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mexican forces, in Tuxcuitlan, is about to send as the present Emperor of Hayti. Dr. Miller, our Consul, is to settle the land claims on the Rio Grande, joconsly told Avalos that if he was caught East of the Colorado, he would readily sell for a prime negro, and be put to work in a cotton field.

Revolution to Nourish in Mexico.—We learn by letters from Laredo, Texas, that the contemplated revolution has broken out in the Northern provinces of Mexico. There are 2,000 men prepared, under the direction of E. S. Chesebrough, City Engineer. We extract from it the following:

An inspection of the foregoing tables and statements will show that Massachusetts has, to this time, constructed 1,150 miles of railroad, at a cost of $62,000,000; and the other New England States have constructed 1,700 miles more, at a cost of $55,000,000. To these might be added the Northern New York (or Ogdensburg) Railroad, which is virtually a New England road, making a total of about 2,000 miles of railroad, constructed at a cost of upwards of $110,000,000.

The gross earnings, in 1850, of all the railroads in Massachusetts, and of those that are partly in Massachusetts, and partly in adjoining States, were $6,000,000. The net earnings, during the same time, were $2,640,347. The cost of these roads was $55,264,000. The net income was therefore more than 6 per cent. on the total cost.

The number of passengers transported over these roads during the same time was 6,978,681, which gives an average of 28,761 a day for 242 days.

A Cotton Planters' Convention.—Movements Against the Speculators.—The Cotton Planters of Middle Tennessee, are acting favorably on the proposition for a Southern Convention of Cotton Planters, to be held at Macon, Georgia, on the 27th of October next. The suggestion, we believe, originated with Florida, and has been affirmatively acted upon by the planting interests, not only there but throughout Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, etc. The object that is sought to accomplish, is, to establish a more uniform price for the great national staple; and thereby secure the planter against fluctuation and continued depression of prices, to which they have been and are still subjected by the present policy. However are also to be taken, to ascertain, as accurately as possible, the extent of the present crop of cotton, so variously estimated by different parties, whose interest lies in exaggeration and misstatement. The Nashville (Tenn.) Banner, heartily seconds these proposals. The other expresses the belief that if the power to remedy the growing evils complained of—the formation of prices, and the ruinous schemes of large speculators—lies in the hands of the planter; and it only requires a union and unity of action to produce great results beneficial to every cotton-grower in the land."

Protected Beaver.—The New York Herald says that by the last two steamers from New York to Glasgow, very considerable numbers of beaver were purchased by agents and others, and forwarded to the Atlantic cities for payment, have been returned to California under protest, containing much inconvenience and disappointment to persons who sent remittances to their friends at home.

Cast-Iron Fronts or Houses.—The great majority of new brick and free stone buildings for stores which are now being erected in New York, are "fashionable American" says, have the fronts of their lower stories made of cast-iron.

General News.

Letter from Mr. Owen, the American Consul at Havana.—Mr. Owen, the United States Consul at Havana, has written a note to the Washington Republic, in which he says he will notify every impertial mind, that he is undeserving censure, and that he had no opportunity of doing anything in behalf of the unfortunate men who met so sad a fate. The explanation is as follows:

I reside about four miles from this place, and, not being well on the morning of the 16th, did not reach my office till some time after 10 o'clock where, for the first time, I heard of the capture of about fifty of the men who had come with Lopez to this island in the steamer Pampero. I at the same time heard that the first prisoners had been tried, found guilty, condemned, ordered to be executed, the order for their execution sent forward, and that they were about being removed from the barracks, where they were, to the place of execution.

Shortly afterwards, the American residing here, who, I think, called on me, casually mentioned the subject to me, when I said to him that it was too late, and that I could do nothing—that I should not have time to perform any duty in connection with it that I felt perfectly satisfied at the time, and I have since been confirmed in this opinion by the highest authority in the island, that nobody, on the receipt of the execution, which had already been ordered before I reached the city, would not have been postponed for me to have an interview with the prisoners, however anxious as all I could have asked to be permitted to do, had already been done by a gentleman known to some of the prisoners, and for whom they had sent.

Soon after the American referred to left my office, I received the information that a gentleman known to some of the prisoners had been sent for by the Governor, and had delivered the solicitation and messages they desired to be conveyed to their friends. It was but a short time afterwards that I sent to the palace of the Governor and Captain General, to learn that the prisoners had then been executed.

You will then see that I had no time to act, and that it was not in my power to do anything for the unfortunate men who had been induced to invade Cuba, with the expectation that they would find the whole island in a state of revolution, and ready to receive with open arms by the whole native population at large.

The charge of indifference to the dreadful condition of such a number of my fellow countrymen I leave on earth will not believe; and all must believe it a base falsehood and an unfounded calumny.

If it were allowable on such an occasion, I would most solemnly declare before God, that, in my judgment, at the time and under the circumstances, I had not the power either to have an interview with the prisoners, or to have done anything in their behalf.

Professor Cape have had twelve Day.—That important discovery, the Maynard Primer, is exciting much attention among the sporting men, but sportsmen. It has been proved upon in the most favorable manner, by a Joint Board of the most distinguished officers of the Army and Navy—and now, the New York Spirit of the Times, the leading organ of the Sportsmen of the United States, thus cordially refers to it:

Just as we were going to press we had an opportunity of examining a double-gun with locks for using the Maynard Primer, most beautifully got up by the Remingtons, of Herkimer, and we are convinced that *percussion caps have had their day!* Think, oh! ye lovers of the sport! of the luxury of loading a gun in a wet day with perfect certainty and safety under all circumstances! No more good shooting lost on account of wet powder, damp powder, or bad caps; no more putting caps on after they have been exposed to rain, we are disposed to say no more *anxiety or ado* with the very thing hitherto the most difficult!

The appearance of the gun is much improved by the new system, in the ugly and ominous small-shell guard is dispensed with, admitting of simpler, cheaper and compact work, while the action of the lock and the stock of the gun remain the same. It seems to us one of the most perfectly beautiful mechanical inventions, in its certainty in one of the most desirable and important to sporting and military men we ever saw, and we confidently expect to see it take the place of the cap immediately. Our Government having adopted this system, of course all others must *follow suit* if they would keep pace with the age; and it is no small honor to our own to have originated an invention of such unquestionable importance to the military profession. We congratulate Dr. Maynard most heartily upon the success of his invention, and offer him our best thanks in behalf of our brother sportsmen, for the great service rendered us.

Fugitive Slave Cases at Harrisburg.—Four fugitive slaves were recently arrested at Harrisburg on a charge of being engaged in the Christiana riot; and when tendered on habeas corpus by Judge Pearson, immediately seized and hand-cuffed in the open Court, as fugitive slaves, by Gen. McAllister. It appears that the charge connecting the prisoners with the Christiana outrage was a mere pretext, to get them committed to the county jail, in order to obtain time to telegraph their alleged owners. The result of the examination before the Commissioner was their being handed over to their claimants.

A very deep feeling at the unfairness with which things were managed was engendered, and Judge Pearson expressed his willingness to arrest the United States officers for contempt of Court.

General Fragay.—According to a narrative of the Lopez expedition, published in the Washington Union, General Fragay was lost at Los Pozas, in the Hospital, badly wounded, when the serviceable men of Lopez retired. The Spanish troops soon after entered, and massacred every man of the wounded, except Fragay, who seeing them coming to the Hospital, his own brains out with a pistol. Among the persons mentioned on this occasion, were Captains Goll and Brigham, and Lieuts. Dana and Bailey.

New York Diocesan Convention.—Rev. Dr. Creighton has been elected Provisional Bishop-elect of the Ondaodank Diocese. The vote on the fifth ballot was: Dr. Creighton 126 clerical, 87 lay; Dr. Wainwright 67 clerical, and 77 lay. Dr. Creighton is High Church, but not a Puseyite.

Local News.

Interesting Decree to Prevent the Removal of the Remains of Stephen Girard.—On Friday week an application was made to Judge King, by the counsel of Mr. Girard's heirs, for the appointment of Benjamin Girard, Esq., as commissioner, to attend to the removal of the remains of the late Stephen Girard, from the vaults of the city of Philadelphia, to the tomb erected in the College grounds, for the interment of the founder of Girard College. The object of the application was to prevent the removal of the remains of Mr. Girard, as they having received a portion of their property from the Board of Health in the shape of a legacy.

The bill presents the information to be in the name of Mary Ann Girard Brongniart, John G. Clark & Julia Hutchinson, his wife, Margaret F. Lundy, Margaret Girard, Mary Peyronnet Girard, Mary Ann Augusta Girard, Lewis Girard and Mary A. Osborne, heirs, Madeline Hercules Girard, Alfred Lallemand and Anne Stephens, his wife, and Francis Girard Lallemand.

They set forth that they are the nearest survivors and heirs of the deceased. They are the children, and some of the grandchildren and children of deceased brothers and a deceased sister of Stephen Girard, or have intermarried with such grand children or children. Stephen Girard died intestate, and during it he declared that after his decease his body should be decently buried in the vault of his friend and relative, Hon. Peter Lallemand, in the burial ground of the Holy Trinity, at the corner of Sixth and Spruce Streets, where Lallemand had previously been interred. Two other bodies had been buried in the same vault, and Girard requested that he should be placed near to them.

The complainants assert that in January last, the defendants had without consent of Mr. Girard's family, or the owners of the vault, removed the leaden coffin, pierced it and allowed fluid matter to escape into the gutter, and then had it in the house of the undertaker.

They further state that Girard in his lifetime was, from a conviction of the Roman Catholic belief, and desired, and was bound in conscience, to provide for the burial of his body in ground which should be consecrated according to the usages of Rome, and by the proper authorities of the said Church of Rome, and provide, and was so buried. Nevertheless, the defendants, as they regarded the wishes and directions which were given under the most solemn circumstances of religious belief by Girard; but, in violation of the same, have removed the body from the consecrated ground in which it was buried, and intend, unless restrained by the Court, to bury the same again in ground, which is not and cannot be lawfully consecrated.

The complaint concludes with the request that the Court shall restrain the defendants from burying the body within the walls of the College, or elsewhere than in the vault from whence they caused it to be removed, and that they only be required to remove it to the latter. The bill was accompanied by an affidavit of Maria A. V. Hemphill, stating that Stephen Girard expressed a wish to her that he should be buried at Holy Trinity Church. That he was a Catholic, and, according to law, he desired his body to be placed in our consecrated ground. As far as she is informed, no member of the family concurs in his removal for burial at the College.

The defence stated various well-known but immaterial facts, and denied that it was done in violation of Commissioners have caused the remains of Girard to be constructed in which they propose to deposit the remains of Mr. Girard, and to place it on the floor of the vestibule of the College building, immediately in front of his statue. The covering and so depicting the remains it is designed shall take place in the presence of the relatives of Mr. Girard and executors of his Will, the officers of the city corporation, and the members of the Board of Trustees, by which body the deceased was a member, and with which body the deceased bequeathed the sum of $2,000.

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Judge King said that the question involved in the case was of more than ordinary interest. No analogous case could be found in the English or American books. He would, however, say that the ceremonies the security of the sepulchre? If any one in mere wantonness should break into the vault of the dead, the criminal law would furnish a remedy. And it would also furnish a preventive manner. In cases like the present, however, the law furnished no remedy. Where a person was buried in a public burying ground, where the title did not pass, the law did not furnish a remedy in reference to a removal; but a Chancellor would interpose and restrain it. The question in the case, therefore, was, whether the removal and reinterment would be the consequence. If I had been applied to before the removal, I should have, as Mrs. Girard preferred. But this is not the case here. The city claims as the residuary legatee, and her motive was undoubtedly dictated by a desire to protect the remains. If the executors chose to disclaim it they might have done so, if there were executors; but if there were not, the city would be liable for parties since. In all these aspects a Court of Equity would not interfere. But the body has been removed, and the relatives of the deceased, and interred, unless restrained by the Court, to bury the same again in ground, which is not and cannot be lawfully consecrated.

The Lost Bible.—Mysterious as are now worn with the parish up, in the vicinity of Spring, at a fire Sunday morning, while the Odd Fellows' procession was moving towards the new hall at the corner of South and Tenth Streets, the members of one of the lodges were startled with the cry of "Fire!" Looking in the direction whence they came, they saw a house in flames, and, finding within their ranks an extraordinary human phenomenon, having a fat old woman dressed off with a profusion of flowers, and wearing on her head a gilt crown, the insignia of the office of the grand, secret society in the civilized world. Already a spot of her proper apparel was visible, so thickly was the style, profuse flowers, was too much for a gay matron, and made their wearers look bedizened, fierce and dangerous, qualities none of them ever otherwise exhibited or laid claim to. The present style shows them off in their more becoming character, of very pacific, if not right fanny fellows. P. S.—Soap is highly recommended for reducing stubborn hard to the fire arrangement, and may be used on with Vanilla red, ochre, or large black, to suit the complexion.

Marriages.

On the 16th ult. by the Rev. Jos. H. Kennard, Mr John H. Bringer, to Miss Henrietta E. Hemsell, man, both of this city.

On the 21st ult. by the same, Mr. Henry Pierce, Jr. to Miss Wilhelmina C. Brandstetter, both of this city.

On the 25th ult. by the same, Mr. Wm. L. Chase, to Miss Maria E. Wilmerin, both of this city.

On the 23d ultimo, by the Rev. Henry D. Moore, Mr. Julian F. M. Wagner, to Miss Elizabeth G. Hopkins, daughter of the late John B. Lorbert, all of Spring Garden.

On the 26th ult. at St. Andrew's Church, by the Rector, Dr. Stephens, Augustus W. Bartholdi, of St. Louis, Mo to Catharine A. Lancaster, daughter of the late M. E. Israel, of this city.

On the 24th ult. by the Rev. Thos. G. Allen, Mr. Jesse Goss, to Miss Rachel D. Howell.

On the 23d ult. in the Clinton Street Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Jos. Parker, D. D. the Rev. T. Ralston Smith, to Miss Harriet Parker.

In this city, on the 21st ult. by E. W. Gilbert, D. D. William H. Stout, of Harrisburg, Pa. to Jane B. Wister, of Philadelphia.

On the 21st ult. by the Rev. Henry D. Moore, Mr. Frederick Ahrs, to Miss Sarah E. Harrington, both of this city.

At Bustleville, on the 13th ult. by the Rev. J. V. Allison, Mr. Charles Kemp to Miss Margaret Anderson, both of West Philadelphia.

On the 23d ult. by the Rev. Charles Wadsworth, James Wishart, of Chicago, Ills. to Anna M. Fisher, of this city.

On the 18th ult. by the Rev. W. Fischwood Mr. James Kemp, to Miss Susan Patterson, both of this city.

On the 23d ultimo, by the same, Mr. Jonathan Smith, to Miss Elizabeth Rigbin, both of this city.

On the 25th ult. by the Rev. Charles Brown, Mr. Cochran McLaughlin, of Northampton county, Pa. to Miss Margaret Carson, of this city.

On the 17th ult. by the Rev. W. H. Furness, Mr. Josiah Q. Hinge, to Miss Mary H. Barry, all of this city.

On the 9th ult. by the Rev. Mr. H. Malcolm, Mr. Joseph Mitchell, to Mrs. Elizabeth McKim, both of West Philadelphia.

On the 17th ult. by the Rev. Dr. C. Clay, Mr. William Smith, of Monmouth to Miss Eliza J. Hemmings, of Lower Merion.

On the 9th ult. by the Rev. Mr. H. Malcolm, Mr. Joseph Mitchell, to Mrs. Elizabeth McKim, both of West Philadelphia.

On the 17th ult. by the Rev. Dr. C. Clay, Mr. William Smith, of Monmouth to Miss Eliza J. Hemmings, of Lower Merion.

On the 31st ult. by the Rev. A. D. Gillette, Mr. Joseph S. Page, to Miss Mary E. Nelson, all of this city.

Deaths.

On the 26th ult. at Chili's Post-Office, Lancaster county, Pa. James Black, aged 21 years.

On the 27th ult. Mary Francis, daughter of J. A. and Sarah W. Hemphill, aged 2 years and 9 months.

On the 26th ult. Florence Cushman, aged 15 mos.

On the 25th ult. Henry B. McCall, aged 23 mos.

On the 24th ult. Mary Jackson, son of James and Mary Wray, aged 14 months.

On the 24th ult. Emma, daughter of John and Mary F. Hahn, aged 4 years.

On the 24th ult. Caleb Whitehead, aged 57.

On the 23d ult. Orpheus Gideon, aged 13 years.

On the 23d ult. Mrs. Mary Campbell, aged 72 years.

On the 24th ult. Mrs. Mary Campbell, aged 26.

On the 24th ult. William Oldfield Sr. aged 67.

On the 24th ult. Catherine, aged 34 years.

On the 27th ult. Mrs. Sarah J. Hook, aged 43.

On the 24th ult. Edward Manning, son of E. A. and S. B. Bennett, aged 6 years.

On the 22d ult. William Arrott, aged 63.

On the 23d ult. at Byberry, Charles Pierce, late of Philadelphia, aged 68 years.

On the 22d ult. Joseph G. son of A. C. and E. C. Michener.

On the 22d ult. Jane Drake, aged 24 years.

On the 23d ult. Sarah Ann Ingest, aged 66.

On the 22d ult. Mrs. Priscilla Montan, aged 79.

On the 22d ult. Matilda E. daughter of David S. and Elizabeth Brown, aged 2 years.

On the 22d ult. Edward, son of Jesse and Betty C. Godley, aged 6 months.

On the 22d ult. Margaret C. Carswell, aged 62.

On the 21st ult. Ismael R. Burr, aged 43 years.

On the 22d ult. Mrs. Ann, wife of Mr. J. G. Smith, aged 32 years.

At Allentown, Pa. on the 21st ult. Mrs. Ann F. Gabbelet.

On the 22d ult. Catharine Miller, aged 28.

On the 23d ult. Mrs. Jane Blakey, aged 38.

On the 23d ult. Mrs. Catharine Jones, aged 23.

On the 23d ult. Miss Amanda L. Lovejoy, aged 26 years.

On the 24th ult. Elena J. Magown, aged 4 years and 6 months.

On the 24th ult. Jonathan Goodwin, aged 79.

On the 24th ult. Jane Elizabeth, daughter of W. and Mary S. Gray, aged 16 months.

On the 23d ult. John B. McCurley, aged 23 mos

On the 21st ult. in this city, Julia H. Lassard, wife of Rev Saml Lassard, and daughter of T. Sanford, of Mobile, aged 27 years.

Bank Note List.

Corrected for the Saturday Evening Post, by E. Johnston & Co., Brokers, No. 56 North Third Street.

PHILADELPHIA, October 4, 1851.

PENNSYLVANIA.	
Philadelphia banks	par
U S bank notes	1½ dis
Chambersburg	4 dis
York	4 dis
Berks county	no sale
Gettysburg	4 dis
Carlisle	4 dis
Lewistown	no sale
Brownsville	4 dis
Pittsburgh	1 dis
Waynesburg	4 dis
Washington	4 dis
Erie	1½ dis
Susquehanna co'unpaid	4 dis
Lebanon	par
Lancaster county bk	no sale
Towanda	no sale
Honesdale	1 dis
Wyoming	1 dis
West Branch	par
Wyoming	par
Middletown	1 dis
Northampton	no sale
Schuylkill Haven	par
Easton	par
Danville	par
Relief notes	1½ dis
NEW JERSEY.	
Trenton, M'f Hol'g	par
Bridgeton, Salem, Camden, Medford, Woodbury	par
State bk at Morris	failed
State bk New Brunsw'k	4 dis
Newark	4 dis
Morris county	4 dis
Middletown Point	4 dis
Orange	4 dis
Belvidere	4 dis
Rahway	4 dis
Camden	par
Perth Amboy	—
F & M New Brun	—
Farmers and Mech. bk. N. Brun.	4 dis
Farmers and Mech. Yard'y, Burlington	4 dis
DELAWARE.	
All solvent banks	par
Del City bk endorse'd	4 dis
Small notes	4 dis
MARYLAND.	
Baltimore banks	4 dis
Frederick bank	4 dis
Salisbury	failed
Cecil bank	failed
Frederick county	4 dis
Cumberland	4 dis
Washington county	4 dis
Hagerstown	4 dis
TENNESSEE.	
All solvent bks	3 dis
Bk East Tenn.	10 dis
MICHIGAN	
All of St. Clair	no sale
Farm'& Mech's	3 dis
Gov. Stock bk	no sale
ARKANSAS.	
All banks	no sale
WISCONSIN.	
Mineral Point	—
Bank of Milwaukie	—
IOWA	
All solvent banks	—
OHIO.	
All solvent banks	par
Small notes	1 dis
KENTUCKY.	
All solvent bks	par
Small notes	1 dis
INDIANA.	
Bank of Indiana	1 dis
Small notes	2 dis
ILLINOIS.	
Bank of Illinois	50 dis
State bank	50 dis
Bank of Cairo	—
MISSOURI.	
All solvent bks	1½ dis
NEW YORK.	
All solvent banks	par
MAINE.	
All solvent banks	4 dis
NEW HAMPSHIRE.	
All solvent banks	1 dis
VERMONT.	
Bank of St Albans	1 dis
All solvent banks	1 dis
MASSACHUSETTS.	
All solvent banks	1 dis
Dorchester and Milton	—
Manufacturers	—
RHODE ISLAND.	
All solvent banks	1 dis
Phœnix bk, Westerly	—
Union banks	no sale
CANADA.	
Montreal	2½ dis
VIRGINIA.	
Bk of Valley branches	1 dis
Far bk & branches	1 dis
Valley bk & branches	1 dis
Ex bk & branches	1 dis
Wheeling	1 dis
NORTH CAROLINA.	
All solvent banks	1 dis
Small notes	2 dis
SOUTH CAROLINA.	
Bk West R R	1 dis
All solvent banks	1 dis
Small notes	1 dis
GEORGIA.	
Bk of St. Mary's	1 dis
Central bk or Mill	1 dis
Georgia R R Co	1 dis
Rockersville bkg co	—
All solvent banks	1 dis
ALABAMA	
Bk of Mobile	2 dis
Commercial	2 dis
MISSISSIPPI.	
All banks	no sale
LOUISIANA	
All solvent bks	2 dis
FLORIDA.	
Bk. Leb & Trust Co	—
OHIO.	
All solvent banks	par
Bk. of Norwalk	25 dis
Com bk of Scioto	25 dis
All solvent bks	1 dis
Small notes	2 dis

Dry Goods, Wholesale & Retail.

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HAVE just opened and are constantly receiving at No. 246 North SECOND Street, between Callowhill and Willow, a new and handsome assortment of FANCY and STAPLE DRY GOODS consisting in part of Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings, Black and Fan y Dress Silks, English and Scotch Merinoes, Mous De Laines, Cashmeres, Linens, Furnishing Goods, &c., which they intend selling at the lowest cash prices, and to which the attention of those wishing to purchase is respectfully invited.

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THE SUBSCRIBERS manufacture from the best cast steel, CIRCULAR SAWS, from two to five feet in diameter. These Saws are carefully hardened and tempered, and are ground and finished by machinery designed expressly for the purpose, and are therefore much superior in truth and uniformity of surface to those ground in the usual manner. They require less set, less power to drive them, and are not as liable to become heated, and consequently to warp or bind.

They also manufacture Cast Steel MILL, PITT and CROSS CUT SAWS and BILLET WEBS, of superior quality, all of which they have for sale at their ware rooms, Nos. 29 and 31 Gold street, or they may be obtained of the principal hardware merchants in the United States.

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The following extract is from a report made by a committee of *scientific* and practical gentlemen, appointed by the Academy of Medicine:

"Your committee are of unanimous opinion, that in the apparatus invented by Mr. R. M. Hoe, for grinding saws, he has displayed great ingenuity and tact in the adaptation of machinery to the production of results in the manufacture of Saws, which may with propriety be denominated the *ne plus ultra* of the art."

Publishers of Newspapers who will insert this advertisement three times with this note, and forward us a paper containing the same, will be paid a print ing material, by purchasing four times the amount of their bill, for the advertisement.

Travelling Agents.

Mr. C. W. James, Mr. I Harrison Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio, is our general travelling agent for the Western States, assisted by J. T. Doty, W. Somerset, *Dr. J. Wadsworth, R. E. Graves, Alex. B. Lloyd, James Rockefeller, Dr. Lee Edwards, Thomas Pierce Bond, and C. M. L. Wiseman.* Each of the above persons have a certificate of the Mayor of Cincinnati, with the seal of the city, showing their power, so there will be no risk in paying them, and we h

Selected Poetry.

THE VENAL SANCTUARY.

BY THE REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, D.D.

"Whose name shall be in the book of the Lamb of life?" I ask the question with almost bated breath. Whose is to wear the rose-bud of the martyrs, and whose the amaranth of the saints? Who is invited to sit with us in good places, or do we say to him: "Stand there there, or sit half under my footstool?"—*Right Rev. Bishop Doane.*

"I will bring your sad mourning time Jerusalem."
Zechariah, xxvii., 2.

I read the fulfilment printed out here —
A Christian temple left and paved
With sins of souls and bars fast
Went streaming in a gorgeous crowd:
A worldwide day let all rejoice —
A fair and hushed festival,
And the glad organ's mighty voice
Shook the stately roof and Gothic wall.

Full many a throne mounted the hill
Where rich and high baldachins soared,
The sacred vestments clasped in gold,
The costly robe, and drowsy scent:
Priest, people, altar, chancel, choir,
Arch, column, window, porch, and gate —
The temple done, from cloth to spire,
Loaded censers all and nobody gone.

But mark! An old and weary man,
A stranger clad "in raiment vile,"
With toiling steps and footsore feet,
Went entering up the fair broad aisle —
They cast him out, oh, faithless men!
On some rude beach — unseen — remote;
Quartered in dust here and there
Of a lone grave and thereabouts over!

Yes! and if He, who saved the lost,
Stood blazing on that haughty face,
Arrayed in words of life and
Mark as He sought our world before;
In spite of words which some might blame,
And works of godless self-esteem,
Then could part of wrong and shame
Would grasp — Heaven's own Son.

Oh for a prophet's tongue or eye,
To warn the great in wealth and birth,
Who build their God a house, and then
Print there — the meanest pomps of earth:
To bend that church which spurns the poor
From every vain and venal pew,
Where "Christian" is applied in scorn
To hated or sleep-like lowly few!

Give me the shed, low, bare, and plain,
Where love and humble truth abide,
Rather than with a sweet robe fain,
Bolted by selfish pomp and pride:
Give me the damp and desert sod
Walled in by dark old forest-trees,
Roofed over by the skies of God —
But parish temples mark on these!

Selected Articles.

A STORY OF AN OLD BACHELOR.

There was a fine old General once, who, living quiet most of his life in the field of Mars, knew very little about the camp of Cupid. He was one of those rough and honest spirits often met with in his gallant profession, innocent as an infant of almost every thing save high integrity and indomitable bravery. He was nearly fifty years old, and his hills were over, when Master Dan Cupid brought him acquainted with a widow Wadman, in whose eye he began to detect something that made him uneasy. Here was the result of interns.

During his service he had never seen anything worthy of notice in a woman's eye. In fact, he would scarcely have observed whether a woman had those eyes in her head, or only one; for no matter where his own eyes were, his thoughts were ever among "guns, and drums and wounds," and love was a thing that lived in his memory just as he remembered once reading a visionary story-book, called the "Arabian Nights' Entertainments," when a boy.

Well, the General had settled down into an amiable, gentlemanly old fellow, living alone with considerable wealth around him, and having little to do, save, now and then, to entertain an old comrade in arms, which companionably afforded opportunity for him to "fight his battles o'er ago." But alas! o'er this calm evening of the old General's day, a deal of perplexity was doomed to fall, and he soon found himself in troubled waters, the depths of which he could by no means understand. He floundered about like a caged rat under a pump — and such another melancholy fish out of water never before swallowed the bait, hook and all, of the angling god of Love. The poor General! We must give him a name, or we can't tell the story, and the best name for such a story is Uncle Toby. Poor General Uncle Toby debated abstractedly about his new position, and never had recipe or campaign given him such perplexity before.

At length, however, the blunt honesty of his disposition rose uppermost among his conflicting pleas, and his resolve was chosen. At school he had come studied "Othello's Defence," to rather at an exhibition, but made a great failure; and he now recollected there was something in the "Defence" very much like what he wanted to say. He got the book immediately, found the passage, clapped on his hat with a determined air, and posted off to the widow Wadman's with that identical speech in his pocket.

"Madam," said General Uncle Toby, opening his book at the marked place, with the solemnity of a special pleader at the bar — "Madam —

"'Rude am I in my speech,'
And little blest'd with the set phrase of peace;
For since these arms of mine had seven years' pith,
Till now, some nine moons wasted, they have used
Their dearest action in the tented field;
And little of this great world can I speak,
More than pertains to feats of broil and battle;
And therefore —"

Here the General closed the book, wiped his forehead, looked up at the ceiling, and said, with a spasmodic gasp,

"*I want to get married.*"

The widow laughed for ten minutes by the watch, before she could utter a syllable, and then she said, with precious tears of humor rolling down her good-natured cheeks,

"And who is it you want to marry, General?"

"*You,*" said Uncle Toby, flourishing his sword-arm in the air, and assuming a military attitude of defiance, as if he expected an assault from the widow immediately.

"Will you kill me if I marry you?" said the widow, with a merry twinkle in her eye.

"No, madam," replied Uncle Toby, in a most serious and despairing tone, as if to assure her that such an idea had never entered his head.

"Well, then, I guess I'll marry you," said the widow.

"Thank you, ma'am," said Uncle Toby, "but one thing I am bound to tell you of, madam: *I wear a wig!*"

The widow started, reentered silent a moment, and then went into a longer, louder, and more laugh than she had indulged in before, at the end of which she drew her seat nearer the General, gravely laid her hand on his head, gently lifted his wig off, and placed it on the table.

General Uncle Toby had never known fear in hot battle, but he now felt a most decisive inclination to run away. The widow laughed again, as though she never would stop, and the General was about to lay his hot open his denuded head and hair, when the facetious lady placed her hand upon his arm and detained him. She then deliberately raised her other hand to her own head, with a sort of military precision, executed a rapid manœuvre with her five fingers, pulled off a whole head of fine glossy hair, and placing it upon the table by the side of the General's, remained seated with ludicrous gravity, a front of her accepted lover, *yeas bald!*

As may be expected, Uncle Toby now laughed along with the widow, and they soon grew to marry over the affair, that the maid servant popped through the keyhole at the noise, and saw the old couple dancing a *jig*, and bobbing their bald pates at each other like a pair of Chinese Mandarins. So the two very shortly were made one.—*Connecticut Courant.*

SIMONIAN SCENE BETWEEN VOLTAIRE AND FRANKLIN.—After dinner we went to the Academy of Sciences, and heard M. d'Alembert, as perpetual secretary, pronounce eulogies on several of their members, lately deceased. Voltaire and Franklin were both present, and there pretensily arose a general cry that M. Voltaire and M. Franklin should be introduced to each other. This was done, and they bowed and spoke to each other. This was in anticipation; there must be something more. Neither of our philosophers seemed to divine what was wished or suggested; they, however, took each other by the hand. But this was not enough; the clamor continued, until the explanation came out. "It lent d' embrasser, à la Française." The two aged actors upon this great theatre of philosophy and morality then embraced each other, by hugging one another in their arms, and kissing each other's cheeks, and then the tumult subsided. And the cry immediately spread through the whole kingdom, and, I suppose, over all Europe, "Qu'il était intéressant de voir embrasser Solon et Sophocle!"—*John Adams's Diary.*

A PROFITABLE GHOST.

"I this body died failing in the Old South Street," said a Boston fisherman the other day, "with one of those costly fishermen in whom we deal, on which the owner may be charged, are considered dogs for 'dead loads.' Like *de Soto*, they a fine carcass in the collection. He died out of those long contests with the ocean, where elements with cold hid with the fishes which those elements feed on for those years. At last, one day, he was brought home a corpse, and every vessel was hove and everywhere, we in the undertaker's line, Jim Bell, overall my of the undertakers of the Great Leviathan: 'The spoke of Charon.' Two my ghosts have been seen on Long Island, but you never seen 'em, and don't believe in 'em.'

"Well, you, I can't say I do believe in 'em, but I guess I should believe in 'em, if I had such luck to gettin' a spook as 'em as I shot and drove to Potter's Ground, a good many years ago. The way of it was this: You see, I was a dreadful hard man to get a load of fish, and I was down to Old South Bay Pier, and the night I got there was a sleigh with three fellows into it, drew up under the lean-side of the tavern. Two on 'em got out; and by they got out they said to Father one, — 'Jim, jist you sit there and mind the horses while we go in and get ourselves warmin' — we'll be right out again.' They went into the tavern, but they *didn't* 'come right out again,' by a hull; though when they did come out, they had more than a dozen bottles with 'em — 'cause — 'Jim! Every time they went, though, Bill the 'feller' said to the man 'drivin' in the sleigh, — 'If I was you, I wouldn't sit there in the cold so long as you're a-little' — blamed if I would; why don't you go in and get yourselves hot?' The man never said nothin' though, in answer, but sat up as straight as an Indian. Bill, who was feelin' rather sorry because nobody else spoke to him, after a while said somethin' more to him, and he was as mum as a 'gater. Pretty soon, Bill said to himself, 'Say-thunder-ed if I don't think he's fell in dead, or else he'd say somethin'!' So he went up to him and shook him; and sure enough he found him first stiff as a stake, and when he come to hold up his hanson to look, he found him jumped up on each side on the seat; the face was round round his heads; he was muffled up with somethunder about his face, — and he was stone dead!

"Bill wasn't nobody's fool, of his *dad* stand to reason. He smell the whole thing out to once. Two or three graves had been robbed about there, only a little while before, and the two chaps in the tavern was two body-gatherers that had been paid by doctors to get bodies for 'em, for to cut up, and they'd been and robbed a new grave that night; and here was the corpse wrapped up and propped up in the sleigh, so they hadn't couldn't complain nothing about it! Now, what d'yer 'spose Bill done? He gave and taken, Bill done, that body out of the sleigh (for he wasn't afraid of the very devil,) stripe of the clothes, and puts it into the out-his inside, and fastens the door; then he puts on the dead man's clothes himself, and *he* goes and gets into the sleigh with 'em onto him, puts the lines round his hands, props himself up, and waits for the body-snatchers to come out from the barroom. Pretty soon out they come, got in on the side, and off they driv', and never cry. There Bill sits as stiff as a rail; but 'twasn't long 'fore one o' the chaps says to t'other, feelin' o' Bill's leg a little, 'Why, the body's gettin' warm! Feel o' that leg!' T'other one put down his hand, and felt o' Bill's legs; and then he started back and said,—'It's a fact, by thunder! it is warm, and no mistake!' 'Twas Bill's time now; so he turned his head round, stiff-like and straight, without moving his body, and, says he, '*Warm!* — avel, I guess you'd be warm if you'd been took out of so hot a place only a little while ago, as I was!'

"Bill says it wasn't half a second 'fore both of them chaps had pitched head first out o' that sleigh, and t'other on 'em stopped runnin' till they was clean out o' sight. Then he turned right square round and drov back to the tavern. There he told the whole story; and he made a present out of the sleigh, too, in the end; for you see the friends o' the man that was dug up per him fifty dollars for saving of the body, and as nobody ever came back a'ter the sleigh and hosses, he sold 'em to Captain B——, down on H—— Flains, for nigh upon three hundred dollars! 'Twas a fust rate team — so they said. That's the most profitable, and about the only ghost that ever I heard tell on! Good many folks talks about sperits 'em, but I expect they never *did* — not *really*."

Wit and Humor.

CONNECTICUT FOREVER.

A few days ago, a Connecticut horse-peddler was shrewd chap from over amongst the steady habits and wooden clocks, acknowledgment, and other things, drove through our streets, heavily laden with corn brooms. He had sailed at rivulet corner and offered his load, or over an small a portion of it; but when he told them he wanted cash, and nothing else, to purchase, they had no idea of parting with their money, and he became enough, and then he might go further. At length he drove up to a large wholesale establishment on the West side, and sent out for them the broom, and came more offered his "notions."

"Well," said the merchant, "I want the broom; badly enough — but what will you take to pay?"

This was a poser. The peddler was coming to get rid of his brooms; he dreaded the very sight of his brooms; but he couldn't answer such a question for that: then the whole load for any other article — possibly any article which he could sell at readily dispose of as he could brooms. After a moment's hesitation, however, he screwed his courage to the sticking point — (it required some courage after having lost his chances of selling his last half-a-dozen times by a shorter answer) — and frankly told the merchant that he must have cash. Of course the merchant got the load much cheaper, and for that he tried purchase, if he purchased at all, with what he had in his store to pay with. He really wanted the brooms, and he did not hesitate to say so, but the times were hard, he had notes to pay, and he had goods that must be disposed of.

Finally, he would put his goods at the cost price, for the sake of trading, and would take the whole load of brooms which the peddler had laboured so unreasonably at other stores to dispose of.

"Sir," said he to the man from Connecticut, "unload your broom, and then select my articles from my store, and you shall have them at cost."

The peddler scratched his head. There was an idea there, as the sequel shows plainly enough.

"I tell you what it is," he answered at last, "just pay them broom for half the load, and cash for t'other half, and I'm your man. Blowed if I don't sell out, of Connecticut sticks with all her broom stuff, the next minute."

The merchant hesitated a moment, but finally considered the chance a good one. He should be getting half the brooms for something that would not sell as readily; as for cost price it was an easy gammon in regard to it. The bargain was struck, the brooms were brought in, the cash for half of them was paid over.

"Now what will you have for the remainder of your left?" asked the merchant.

The peddler scratched his head again, and this time more vigorously. He walked the floor — whistled — drummed with his fingers on the head of a barrel. By-and-bye his reply came — slowly — deliberately.

"You Providence fellers are cute; you sell at cost, pretty much all of ye, and make money. I don't see how 'tis done. It must be that somebody gets the worst of it. Now I don't know about your goods here," one article, and I take anything else, I may get cheated. So no, sir' as 'twon't make any odds with you I guess I'll take nuzzum. I have them like a book, and can swear to what you paid for 'em."

And so saying, the pedlar commenced reloading his brooms, and having snugly deposited half of his former load, jumped on his cart with a regular Connecticut grin, and while the merchant was cursing his impudence and his own stupidity, drove in search of another customer.—*Providence Post.*

I SAW HER IN CABBAGE TIME.

A DUTCH MELODY.

BY SLOCUM SLUGS, ESQ.

I saw her first in cabbage time.
She was a cutting cress —
She'd stop the cutter, now and then,
To turn a head about;
And so she'd salt it in a tub,
And stamp it down awhile,
Upon her fresh and rosy lip
Reposed a witching smile.

I saw her next in Winter time,
And still she gaily smiled;
For there, upon the corking-screw
Her grub was being b'iled.
Around the hops and greasy pot,
The steam came pouring out;
And from the smell, I knew that she
Was cooking "speck" and crout.

When next I saw her, in the Spring,
She smiled not as before;
A heavy weight was on her heart —
The crout was "all no more!"
The pot she dared to cook it in
Was eaten up with rust;
The cutter hung upon the wall,
'Mid spider webs and dust.

I've seen her often, since that time,
When all around was gay —
When others laughed and talked the most,
She'd frown, and turn away.
I've watch'd to see a ray of joy;
But watched alas! in vain —
I never hope to see her smile
Till cabbage comes again!

MISS SMIX ON EDUCATION.—We give the *sup* of a very amusing sketch which we find going the rounds without credit. Miss Smix, a remarkable *explosive* "school marm," is giving an account of her endeavors to teach a "young idee"—a remarkably hard case—how to spell:—

"At last," and here the sweet face of Miss Smix brightened, and the glimmer of some intended smile played over it, "I got him clean through the alphabet, and he could point out any letter by name. In two weeks he got through his b-a, ba, &c.; and one bright Monday morning I put him into la-la, dy-dy —lady. I had to tell him fifty times the nature of syllables, but his brain was capacious as a rock.

"Do you love pies?" said I, in order to interest him.

"Yes, ma'am."

"Well, then, '*apple*' and '*pie*' put together, spell 'apple-pie,' don't they?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"By a like rule, '*is*' and '*dy*' spell *lady* — you understand?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"'*Mince*' and '*pie*' spell what?"

"*Mince-pie.*"

"Right! '*Pumpkin*' and '*pie*' what?"

"*Pumpkin-pie.*"

"Then what does l-a *in dy-dy*, spell?"

"*Custard-pie!*" said he, with a yell of delight at his success.

RATHER SHARP.—In the village of Gathaeus, in the State of Maine, resided at one time Colonel Joe G——, and Squire S. Old Trim, who kept a liquor shop in the village prided himself upon being "pretty sharp." One evening, the Colonel was at Trim's, in company with the Squire, when Trim was very shy of, by reason of the jokes the "squire" was always playing on him. The "squire" called for "the liquor," but Trim, knowing the squire's failings, refused to let him have it until the cash was forthcoming.

"Well," said the Colonel, "let him have it, and if he refuses to pay for it, I *will* !"

Accordingly, they imbibed, and Trim was patiently waiting for his money, and finally, growing impatient, asked the squire if he intended to pay.

"No," said the squire.

Trim then told the Colonel, he would expect him to pay for it, according to agreement.

"Did I not tell you?" said the Colonel, "that if he refused to pay for it, I *would* (refuse !")

The Colonel and Squire made a precipitate retreat, amid the curses of Trim, and the laughter of the bystanders, and were not seen in that vicinity for some time.

A NEW AS GOOD AS A WORD.—A priest who introduced into the chamber of a nobleman who was at the point of death, and had lost his speech, kept saying still, "My Lord, will you make the grant of such and such a thing to our monastery? You may depend it will be for the good of your soul." The Peer, at each question, nodded his head, being utterly ignorant of the nature of them. The son and heir was present, and the priest turned to him and said,— "You see, sir, that my lord, your father, gives his consent to my requests."

The son made no reply, but turning to his father, asked him, "Is it your will, sir, that I should *load the priest down stairs?*" The nod was given, and the priest went down stairs, head over heels.

BROWN SUGAR.—We find the following good bit at the West and Southern *Journal*, in one of our contributors, without credit. Proprietors of the country will recognize its truth:

Ben Bolusbore, a retired nabob, falls in love with Donna Julia — father of Pedro Julia — and marries her. The former is "Donna" with the Spaniards. The honeymoon is passed in Bloomers, and each enjoy in a subsequent home in Bloomington. Their day was, the nabobess is "Donna" to her husband, in honor of it, to have a regular blow out. Accordingly, on the morning the gala horses, they started on a long ride. Every travers was visited on their route, and the variety they drank produced a mixture which added greatly to the noise and boisterousness of the company. In this condition they came, about a dozen in number, to our quiet temperance tavern. The landlord and lady were absent; the eldest daughter, fourteen years of age, and five younger children, were alone in the house.

These *gentlemen* (for they considered themselves as such) called for Payne.

"We keep none," was the modest reply of the young girl.

"What do you keep tavern for, then?"

"For the accommodation of travellers."

"Well, then, accommodate us with something to drink."

"You will see, sir, by the sign, that we keep a temperance tavern."

"A temperance tavern!" (Here the children clustered around their sister.) "Give me an axe, and I'll cut down the sign."

"You will find an axe at the wood-pile, sir."

Here the party, each one with an oath, made a rush to the wood-pile, exclaiming,

"Down with the sign! down with the sign!"

But the leader, in going out, discovered in an adjoining room a splendid piano and its accompaniments.

"Who makes that thing squeak?" said he.

"I play sometimes," said she, in a quiet, modest manner.

"You do? Give us a tune."

"Certainly, sir;" and, taking the stool, while the children formed a circle close to her, she sang and played "The Old Arm Chair." Some of them had never heard a piano before; others had not heard one for years. The sound was soon hushed; the whip-and-spur gentlemen were drawn back from the wood-pile, and formed a circle outside the children. The leader again spoke:

"Will you be so kind as to favor us with another song?"

Another was played, and the little ones, becoming re-assured, some of them joined their sweet voices with their sister's. Song after song was sung and played. One would catch the sympathies of the strangers, another melt them in grief; one would arouse their patriotism, another their chivalry and benevolence; until at length, ashamed to ask for more, they each made a low bow, thanked her, wished her good afternoon, and left as quietly as if they had been to a funeral.

Months after this occurrence, the father, in travelling, stopped at a village, where a gentleman remarked:

"Are you Col. P——, of S——?"

"I am."

"Well, sir, I am spokesman of the party who so greatly insulted your innocent family, threatened to cut down your sign, and spoke so rudely to your children. You have just cause to be proud of your daughter, sir; her noble bearing and fearless courage were remarkable in one so young and unprotected. Can you pardon me, sir? I feel that I can never forgive myself."

HOW JOHN KNOX GOT A WIFE.

KNOX used to visit Lord Ochiltree's family, preaching the Gospel privately to those who were willing to receive it. The lady and some of the family were converts. Her ladyship had a chamber, table, stool and candlestick for the prophet, and one night at supper, says to him,

"Mr. KNOX, I think you are at a great loss by want of a wife," (he was then a widower) to which he said,

"Madam, I think nobody will take such a weatherworn as I," to which she replied,

"Sir, if that be your objection I'll make inquiry to find an answer 'gainst our next meeting."

The lady accordingly addressed herself to her eldest daughter, telling her she might be very happy if she could marry Mr. KNOX, who would be a very great reformer, and a credit to the church; but she doubted the proposal hoping her ladyship wished her better than to marry a poor reformer. The lady addressed herself to her second daughter, who answered as the eldest.

Then the lady spake to her third daughter, about nineteen years of age, who very frankly said,

"Madam, I'll be very willing to marry him, but I fear he will not take me," to which the lady replied,

"If that be all your objection, I'll soon get you an answer."

Next night at supper, the lady said to Mr. KNOX,

"Sir, I have been considering upon a wife to you, and find one very willing," to which Mr. KNOX said,

"Who is she, Madam?"

She answered, "My youngest daughter sitting by you at table."

"If my bird, are you willing to marry me?"

She answered, "Yea, sir; only I fear you'll not be willing to take me."

He said, "My bird, if you be willing to take me, you must take your venture of God's providence as I do. I go through the country commissioned on my feet with a wallet on my arm, a shirt, a clean hand, and a Bible in it; you may get something in it for yourself; and if I bid you take the wallet, you must do it, and go where I go, and lodge where I lodge."

"Sir," said she, "I'll do all this."

"Will you be so good as your word?"

"Yea I will." Upon which the marriage was concluded, and she lived happily with him, and had several children by him. She went with him to Geneva, and as he was ascending a hill, as there are many near that place, she got up to the top of it before him, and took the wallet on her arm, and sitting down said, "How, good, how, am I as good as my word?"

She afterwards lived with him when he was minister at Edinburgh.

MARIAN LEE.

Her's were both Marian Lee,
Standing by the mourning sea;
Her young life's a flowering tree,
Without feeling for the morrow —
Without fear for to-day,
Without feelings for the sorrow
Means were sent under my sorrow!

Like the cormorant-bird, with
Keeps the happy sun her child;
Soon her father's drowning-cry
On the light gale cannot shove;
Soon her mother's wailing-song
On the light gale cannot shove;
Half a league she hears the leg,
Ere they turn into the bay,
And with glee o'er child and main,
Sings an answer back again,
Which by sun and bay is heard,
Like the cheer of a bird.
Look! she stands breathless there,
Looking seaward for her Sail:
Say ye she's a thing to fair!

Marian, some are rich in gold,
Hoarding treasures more untold;
Some in thought ambition unfold,
And the glorious wealth of mind;
Thou, sweet child, life's sole ambition,
Hast a none-one of thine own —
Youth's most sanctified delights;
Happy days and tranquil nights;
Hast a brain with thought unvexed:
A heart unwedded, unperplexed!
Go, thou sweet one, all day long,
Like a glad bird, pour thy song;
And let thy young, graceful head
Be with sea-flowers garlanded;
For all sorrow's signs of you
Well hath thee, Marian Lee!

THE ZIPH LANGUAGE.

It is curious to observe how many of the minor customs and modes which are deemed peculiarities of the present time may be traced back to past ages. The vulgar habit of plaguing the friends upon the town and manufacturing for them, to suppose hospitality or display, which delighted the thought to belong to the present times, has been proved to have been practised by the ancients. Old platoons are in existence which this very gesture is represented, evidently employed for the same purpose.

Another instance of the same kind is found in the popularity of the Ziph language. Probably many of our city readers have heard the boys about our streets occasionally talking with each other in a sort of gibberish, wholly unintelligible to the uninitiated. We have frequently heard two youngsters conversing in this style, and have been amused with the facility with which they employed it.

Now perhaps our young friends, who evidently combine this motive of communication something exclusively their own, will be surprised to learn that it has been known and practised for several years, and has even been reduced to favorite language with boys. De Quincey, in his "Life and Manners," speaks of it as the Ziph language, and says in his youthful days it was commemorated to the school boys of Winchester for a fixed fee of one-half guinea. He himself employed it, on a particular occasion when with a young lord he attended a festival given by King George III. It is mentioned by Bishop Wilkins, who wrote about 1666, as then by no means a new thing and De Quincey thinks it may have been co-eval with the pyramids. At all events it is a very antique device for the combining concealment in secrecy amongst by-standers. In order that the uninitiated may have some idea of this learned tongue, we give the following extract from De Quincy. If they wish to acquire facility in the use of it, let them take lessons from the first school boy they meet:

"The secret of this, is to repeat the vowel at tipthong of every syllable, prefixing to the vowel so repeated the letter G. Thus, for example — Shall we go away in an hour? Then the bones we have already said. This is Ziph becomes: *Shagall wege gage agawaguay igin agen hongour?* *Thongen hongours wege hagour againgagay stagood.* It must not be supposed that Ziph proceeds slowly. A very little practice gives the greatest fluency; so that one now, though certainly I cannot have practised it for thirty years, my power of speaking the Ziph remains unimpaired."—*Portland True.*

CURIOUS SCENE AT SEA.—While a passenger from Aden to Bombay on board the East India Company's steamer *Queen*, in December last, it was our lot to fall short of coals; having had contrary winds and a heavy sea nearly the whole distance, our trip was prolonged to fourteen days, usually performed in eight. The vessel had sailed from Aden only for ten days' steam, and luckily she had besides a considerable quantity of small coal, or dross; but still it was found that it would be absolutely necessary to burn part of the ship's stores to bring her into harbor. Orders were accordingly given to that effect, and it was with a kind of terror, mingled with surprise, that we saw, one after another, the longboat, spare spars, junk seated in glue and oil (to facilitate its burning), the engine hatches, and the top-mast cut up and thrown into the fire, came the turn of the crisp duck, which was torn up from beneath our feet, and stuffed into the insatiable maw of the furnace; then went the gun-slides, and then a number of packages of government powder barrel heads and staves; and at length rumors were rife among the seamen that their own chests were to share the same fate. It would be difficult to describe the feelings of the passengers, many especially of the ladies, when looking on at the ship thus being torn to pieces before their eyes, and when listening throughout two sleepless nights to the noise of sawing, and chopping, and throwing. It would be equally difficult to describe the relief with which, on the fourteenth morning, they beheld through the telescope, by the light of the rising sun, a faint outline of the Island of Bombay, the harbor of which ye duly reached. In explanation of this extraordinary scene, I may mention that the intermediate of government hotel supplied upon the commencement of mail-steamers, in the event of the fuel running short, burning anything and everything that will assist in bringing the vessel to her destination.—*Extract from a private letter from Bombay, dated 14th May last.*

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.—I heard the other day, recounted by an eye-witness, an odd scene which lately took place in a druggist's shop in one of the towns on the Southern coast. A person entered the shop, and hurriedly demanded an ounce of laudanum. His dress was disordered, his address confused and bewildered, his hair tumbled wildly, and his face pale and haggard. The shopman refused to serve him. The man pleaded hard for the drug, asked in a jeering way whether they thought he intended to poison himself, affirmed that he was well known to the master of the shop, and that he was in the habit of using laudanum medicinally. The result was, that, after some parley and hesitation, the phial was handed to him, and in an instant, and before he could be interfered with, he had gulped down the whole contents. The bystanders stared aghast, while the suicide, falling on his knees, in the middle of the shop, began, in a loud voice, to pray for forgiveness for the sin of self destruction, and to declare that his disgust with the world was so great as absolutely to prevent his living to it. Meanwhile the spectators would have interfered, but a significant glance from the shopman restrained them. The man was allowed to finish his prayer, which was very long and very rambling; but, while still upon his knees, and apparently waiting calmly for the action of the drug, the shopman coolly asked him if he knew what he had taken. The would-be suicide stared listlessly at his questioner. 'Laudanum,' at length he muttered. 'Quite a mistake,' answered the other; 'you have swallowed an ounce of tincture of rhubarb, and it will do you a great deal of good.' The man leaped up from his knees in a twinkling, and, amid a general burst of merriment, rushed out of the shop."

It is probable that he did not make a second attempt.

JAMES'S TWO HORSEMEN.—Mr. James, the novelist, has the following plan in behalf of his two horsemen, in his last novel, "The Fate:"

"Now this dissertation has been brought about, has had its rise, origin, source, in an anxious and careful endeavor to avoid, if possible, introducing into the work the two military horsemen — one upon a white horse, which by one mode or another, have found their way probably into one out of three of all the books that I have written; and I need hardly tell the reader that the name of these books is legion. They are, perhaps, too many; but though I count the score will five — I know it, I feel it; and I must continue to write while this spirit is in my body.

"To say the truth, I do not know why I should wish to get rid of my two horsemen, especially the one on the white horse. Wherever one always had a white horse in all his pictures; and I do not see why I should not get my signature, my emblem, my monogram, in my paper and ink pictures as well as any painter of them all. I am not sure that other authors do not do the same thing; that Lytton has not always, or very nearly, a philosophizing libertine; Dickens, a very charming young girl, with dear little ringlets; and Lover a bold dragoon."

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Miscellaneous.

AN INCIDENT IN THE WEST.

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast."

About a year since, a temperance man moved with his family from South Carolina to the West. The appearance of the population, and the continual travel past his place, rendered it a necessary act of humanity in him, frequently to entertain travellers who could get no further. Owing to the frequency of these calls, he resolved to enlarge his house, and put up the usual sign.

Soon after this, an election came on; the triumphant party felt that it was a wonderful victory, and some "young bloods" of the majority determined, in honor of it, to have a regular glorious spree. Accordingly, mounted on their fine prairie horses, they started on a long ride. Every tavern was visited on their route, and the variety they drank produced a mixture which added greatly to the noise and boisterousness of the company. In this condition they came, about a dozen in number, to our quiet temperance tavern. The landlord and lady were absent; the eldest daughter, fourteen years of age, and five younger children, were alone in the house.

These *gentlemen* (for they considered themselves as such) called for Payne.

"We keep none," was the modest reply of the young girl.

"What do you keep tavern for, then?"

"For the accommodation of travellers."

"Well, then, accommodate us with something to drink."

"You will see, sir, by the sign, that we keep a temperance tavern."

"A temperance tavern!" (Here the children clustered around their sister.) "Give me an axe, and I'll cut down the sign."

"You will find an axe at the wood-pile, sir."

Here the party, each one with an oath, made a rush to the wood-pile, exclaiming,

"Down with the sign! down with the sign!"

But the leader, in going out, discovered in an adjoining room a splendid piano and its accompaniments.

"Who makes that thing squeak?" said he.

"I play sometimes," said she, in a quiet, modest manner.

"You do? Give us a tune."

"Certainly, sir;" and, taking the stool, while the children formed a circle close to her, she sang and played "The Old Arm Chair." Some of them had never heard a piano before; others had not heard one for years. The sound was soon hushed; the whip-and-spur gentlemen were drawn back from the wood-pile, and formed a circle outside the children. The leader again spoke:

"Will you be so kind as to favor us with another song?"

Another was played, and the little ones, becoming re-assured, some of them joined their sweet voices with their sister's. Song after song was sung and played. One would catch the sympathies of the strangers, another melt them in grief; one would arouse their patriotism, another their chivalry and benevolence; until at length, ashamed to ask for more, they each made a low bow, thanked her, wished her good afternoon, and left as quietly as if they had been to a funeral.

Months after this occurrence, the father, in travelling, stopped at a village, where a gentleman remarked:

"Are you Col. P——, of S——?"

"I am."

"Well, sir, I am spokesman of the party who so greatly insulted your innocent family, threatened to cut down your sign, and spoke so rudely to your children. You have just cause to be proud of your daughter, sir; her noble bearing and fearless courage were remarkable in one so young and unprotected. Can you pardon me, sir? I feel that I can never forgive myself."

HOW JOHN KNOX GOT A WIFE.

KNOX used to visit Lord Ochiltree's family, preaching the Gospel privately to those who were willing to receive it. The lady and some of the family were converts. Her ladyship had a chamber, table, stool and candlestick for the prophet, and one night at supper, says to him,

"Mr. KNOX, I think you are at a great loss by want of a wife," (he was then a widower) to which he said,

"Madam, I think nobody will take such a weatherworn as I," to which she replied,

"Sir, if that be your objection I'll make inquiry to find an answer 'gainst our next meeting."

The lady accordingly addressed herself to her eldest daughter, telling her she might be very happy if she could marry Mr. KNOX, who would be a very great reformer, and a credit to the church; but she doubted the proposal hoping her ladyship wished her better than to marry a poor reformer. The lady addressed herself to her second daughter, who answered as the eldest.

Then the lady spake to her third daughter, about nineteen years of age, who very frankly said,

"Madam, I'll be very willing to marry him, but I fear he will not take me," to which the lady replied,

"If that be all your objection, I'll soon get you an answer."

Next night at supper, the lady said to Mr. KNOX,

"Sir, I have been considering upon a wife to you, and find one very willing," to which Mr. KNOX said,

"Who is she, Madam?"

She answered, "My youngest daughter sitting by you at table."

"If my bird, are you willing to marry me?"

She answered, "Yea, sir; only I fear you'll not be willing to take me."

He said, "My bird, if you be willing to take me, you must take your venture of God's providence as I do. I go through the country commissioned on my feet with a wallet on my arm, a shirt, a clean hand, and a Bible in it; you may get something in it for yourself; and if I bid you take the wallet, you must do it, and go where I go, and lodge where I lodge."

"Sir," said she, "I'll do all this."

"Will you be so good as your word?"

"Yea I will." Upon which the marriage was concluded, and she lived happily with him, and had several children by him. She went with him to Geneva, and as he was ascending a hill, as there are many near that place, she got up to the top of it before him, and took the wallet on her arm, and sitting down said, "How, good, how, am I as good as my word?"

She afterwards lived with him when he was minister at Edinburgh.

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MARIAN LEE.

Her's were both Marian Lee,
Standing by the mourning sea;
Her young life's a flowering tree,
Without feeling for the morrow —
Without fear for to-day,
Without feelings for the sorrow
Means were sent under my sorrow!

Like the cormorant-bird, with
Keeps the happy sun her child;
Soon her father's drowning-cry
On the light gale cannot shove;
Soon her mother's wailing-song
On the light gale cannot shove;
Half a league she hears the leg,
Ere they turn into the bay,
And with glee o'er child and main,
Sings an answer back again,
Which by sun and bay is heard,
Like the cheer of a bird.
Look! she stands breathless there,
Looking seaward for her Sail:
Say ye she's a thing to fair!

Marian, some are rich in gold,
Hoarding treasures more untold;
Some in thought ambition unfold,
And the glorious wealth of mind;
Thou, sweet child, life's sole ambition,
Hast a none-one of thine own —
Youth's most sanctified delights;
Happy days and tranquil nights;
Hast a brain with thought unvexed:
A heart unwedded, unperplexed!
Go, thou sweet one, all day long,
Like a glad bird, pour thy song;
And let thy young, graceful head
Be with sea-flowers garlanded;
For all sorrow's signs of you
Well hath thee, Marian Lee!

THE ZIPH LANGUAGE.

It is curious to observe how many of the minor customs and modes which are deemed peculiarities of the present time may be traced back to past ages. The vulgar habit of plaguing the friends upon the town and manufacturing for them, to suppose hospitality or display, which delighted the thought to belong to the present times, has been proved to have been practised by the ancients. Old platoons are in existence which this very gesture is represented, evidently employed for the same purpose.

Another instance of the same kind is found in the popularity of the Ziph language. Probably many of our city readers have heard the boys about our streets occasionally talking with each other in a sort of gibberish, wholly unintelligible to the uninitiated. We have frequently heard two youngsters conversing in this style, and have been amused with the facility with which they employed it.

Now perhaps our young friends, who evidently combine this motive of communication something exclusively their own, will be surprised to learn that it has been known and practised for several years, and has even been reduced to favorite language with boys. De Quincey, in his "Life and Manners," speaks of it as the Ziph language, and says in his youthful days it was commemorated to the school boys of Winchester for a fixed fee of one-half guinea. He himself employed it, on a particular occasion when with a young lord he attended a festival given by King George III. It is mentioned by Bishop Wilkins, who wrote about 1666, as then by no means a new thing and De Quincey thinks it may have been co-eval with the pyramids. At all events it is a very antique device for the combining concealment in secrecy amongst by-standers. In order that the uninitiated may have some idea of this learned tongue, we give the following extract from De Quincy. If they wish to acquire facility in the use of it, let them take lessons from the first school boy they meet:

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